

Airport bomb hunt police arrest Arab

London police have arrested Nezar Hindawi, the man sought in connection with Thursday's attempted planting of a time-bomb on an El Al flight

Three thousand silent mourners, and the world press, watched the funeral of the victims of the US raid on Tripoli

Lord Carver, former Chief of the Defence Staff, accused Mrs Thatcher of giving way to near blackmail in allowing British bases to be used for the raid

Sir Geoffrey Howe claimed that there was a Libyan link in the kidnapping of two British hostages killed in Lebanon

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Reporter

Nezar Hindawi, the Arab wanted by police after an attempt to plant a time-bomb on an El Al flight from Heathrow airport on Thursday, was arrested last night at a west London hotel by officers from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch.

His identity and description were issued by police on Thursday hours after a time-bomb was found in the luggage of his Irish girlfriend as she was about to board a flight to Tel Aviv.

The Boeing 747 was carrying more than 400 passengers and crew who would have died if the bomb had exploded.

Yesterday police were still questioning Miss Ann-Marie Doreen Murphy, the girlfriend, but they did not expect to charge her.

Miss Murphy, aged 32, from just outside Dublin, is more than five months pregnant, and it is believed that she was going to Israel to get married.

The bomb was found in a false bottom of the holdall, which contained men's clothing and personal effects.

An El Al security officer found the bomb at 9.15am. The flight had been due to leave London 25 minutes later.

The device was described yesterday as sophisticated. The high explosive is thought to be foreign in origin.

Throughout yesterday Scotland Yard detectives assessed reports from the public office.

ing information about the attempted bombing.

As detectives talked to Miss Murphy, who is expected to be released today, they discovered that she had known Mr Hindawi for about a year. She works as hotel cleaner at the Hilton on Park Lane. He has been a frequent visitor to Britain in the past year.

He has two brothers in Britain, but they have few contacts with him.

He last arrived in London at the weekend, checking into

the Palace Hotel near Marble Arch. He made contact with Miss Murphy, who shares a flat in Kilburn, and the two arranged to fly to Israel.

On Thursday morning he left his hotel by taxi and picked up Miss Murphy. They made their way to Heathrow's terminal one, where they parted.

A description was circulated to police while the Boeing was still on the ground at Heathrow, and a photograph was later issued.

In fact, Mr Hindawi appears simply to have moved hotel, checking into a small west London hotel in Notting Hill about two or three miles from

Marble Arch, where he was later arrested.

Family shocked: Miss Murphy's family in the Irish Republic discovered that she had been arrested when they watched television news bulletins on Thursday night (Richard Ford writes from Dublin).

She had gone to London in search of work after being unemployed for several months and met her Arab boyfriend about 14 months ago.

Miss Murphy told her sister this week of their wedding plans, but yesterday at the family home in Sallins near Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, her mother and father were in a state of shock, insisting that they believed her to be innocent.

Although his daughter had been home at Easter, Mr William Murphy learnt of her pregnancy and wedding plans a week ago. "I did not know she was going out with the fellow. We are totally shocked by the whole thing."

Mrs Kathleen Murphy said: "I knew she was pregnant and we were told she was getting married to this boy in Israel on Saturday. He was going to phone from Israel after their wedding to talk to the family in Dublin."

Mrs Murphy said: "She has been going out with this man for 14 months, but she never said very much about him."

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Grieving Tripoli buries its dead

From Robert Fisk
Tripoli

They buried Rafat al-Ghusein yesterday on a sandy little hill in el-Fiani Cemetery, a Lebanese flag tied to one end of her coffin lid, and a Palestinian to the other. She was 18, a student in Kensington, on holiday from London, when she died in her bed in Tuesday's air raid.

It was the cedar tree on the Lebanese flag that made her coffin stand out from the 18 other wooden boxes around here, all covered in green cloth, all with their occupants' names scribbled in red crayon on the bottom.

There was a naval officer, four children, a man in his sixties, several women and a score or so of young men. Five of the dead had been Rafat's neighbours in the Bita Ashur district of Tripoli.

The 3,000 mourners, all men, were on their faces in the dusty square, in front of the boxes, staring at the sky, then bending to the ground.

"God is greater. God is greater," they kept repeating, and somehow — perhaps because of the vehemence and precision with which it was said — the chant sounded more moving. There were soldiers and old men and boy scouts among the mourners, and two small boys — one with a vivid purple scar on his face — were dangled over their father's coffin.

Someone had put green headbands around their foreheads and an uncle persuaded them — there above the coffin — to give a tired, uncomprehending victory salute.

But this was no Gadafi pageant. Libyan television happily filmed the world's press watching the funeral of American air raid victims but these mourners were in earnest, eyes screwed up in prayer, responses articulate and in tune, Libyans sharing a common grief.

The only man to shed his fury turned to a congregant and screamed: "Mr. Thatcher — we will kill her." But he was told to be quiet. "Anyone who fires a shot is a traitor," a government official shouted to the armed militia men on the cemetery wall.

Mrs al-Ghusein, who is Lebanese, and married to a Palestinian, spoke with a kind of dry eloquence. "Rafat used to be at Mary Mount College in London," she said. "The man they telephoned me to tell me they will say two masses for her, we are Muslims but we have one god. We are one people. I hope Mr Reagan understands that."

"Rafat was a student at Hatherley College in Kensington and came here on holiday. She was sleeping in my room and my husband was sleeping with our younger daughter. When I heard the planes on Tuesday, I ran to wake my husband. I left Rafat in her room and then the bomb hit the house. My daughter, my angel, died when the wall fell on her."

The funeral served a propaganda purpose, of course, and the dead are not all being buried at one time — to soften the blow of the raids, one official said.

But there was a quiet rage among relatives at the cemetery wall yesterday, and one left with the distinct feeling that the reaction to this particular grief is going to be felt violently — and very soon.

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Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader in Lebanon, criticized the killings as "a crime against every honourable Lebanese and Arab national."

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Taking it on the chin: David Gower, the England cricket captain, defending his team's efforts on their return from the West Indies yesterday. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Interest rates cut to 10.5% as inflation slides

By David Smith & Lawrence Lever

The high street banks cut base rates from 11 to 10.5 per cent yesterday, after the announcement of a sharp fall in the inflation rate.

The building societies will follow next week with mortgage rate reductions of up to a point from the present 12 per cent.

Barclays led the round of base rate cuts after the announcement that inflation fell from 5.1 per cent in February to 4.2 per cent last month. This is the lowest rate for more than 2½ years.

The index of retail prices rose to 381.6 (January 1974 = 100) last month, from 381.1 in February.

Inflation is expected to fall sharply again this month. Department of Employment officials said, probably to about 3.2 per cent. In May, lower mortgage rates should push the rate below 3 per cent, last seen in the 1960s.

Inflation is falling mainly because of the large monthly increases of a year ago. However, lower petrol prices and the move to cheaper money is adding to this effect.

Fresh vegetable prices rose by 3.7 per cent, but the monthly increase in the retail prices index was 0.1 per cent, compared with 1 per cent in March last year.

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Distillers falls to Guinness

By Jeremy Warner

Guinness yesterday won control of Distillers, the Johnnie Walker whisky and Gordon's gin drinks group, after an epic four-and-a-half month takeover battle with the supermarkets group Argyl.

The contest was characterized by a degree of bitterness and acrimony not witnessed in the City for a generation.

The fight ended shortly before 1 pm when the brewer declared its recommended £2.7 billion bid unconditional, having gained control of 50.78 per cent of Distillers' shares.

Guinness's victory is a blow to Mr James Gulliver, Argyl's chairman, who had been preparing his campaign against Distillers for more than eight months and billed himself as the man capable of reviving the drinks group's declining fortunes.

Argyl, which has been built up through a series of hectic acquisitions over the last six years into one of Britain's leading food retailers, has spent more than £50 million in fighting the takeover battle. However, this sum will be

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Botha to end pass law arrests

From Michael Horsby
Johannesburg

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20,000 in the run for Marathon

By Robin Young

The biggest, most experienced and oldest field of runners the world has seen will be pounding the streets of the capital tomorrow in the sixth London Marathon.

Nearly 90,000 people applied for permission to run. It was granted to only 25,272. Injuries, illness and second thoughts may pare the total down to about 20,000.

When the London race was first held in 1981 the average age was 34. Now it is 38.3 years, boosted by such veterans as Mr Patrick Riley, aged 81. He finished 15,810th last year.

The oldest lady in the race is Carla Ali, aged 72. Two thousand competitors will be coming from overseas. The Republic of Ireland has 450 entrants, France 330, the United States 315, Northern Ireland 220 and Sweden 140.

These statistics come by courtesy of Tandem Computers of Texas, whose analysis of finishing times will permit The Times on Monday to publish exclusively details of all those who do succeed in finishing within three hours.

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Joseph 'is risking university closures'

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is likely to be told next month that three or four universities will have to close if the system continues to suffer a cash cut of 1.5 per cent a year in real terms.

The warning is expected from Sir Peter Swinerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, in his advice to Sir Keith on the likely results of government spending plans for the academic year 1987-88.

Sir Peter believes that the way to implement these plans is not to impose cuts on all or some universities, as was done in 1981, but to axe whole institutions. It is understood that the committee thinks that three or four universities would have to go, but Sir Peter is not expected to name them.

Hull might be a candidate because of financial difficulties and Kettle because of its small size. Liberal arts bias, and recent failed merger with the local polytechnic, Essex has still not recovered from its rebellious student image of the late 1960s and Stirling is vulnerable because of its quality, though it would probably be saved by Scottish politicians. The City University in London is also small and is resisting a merger with a local polytechnic.

Ministers are expected to agree to give universities more money to prevent closures. The committee is likely to get an increase of about £20 million in its current funding of £1.5 billion a year. Ministers are concerned that they should not receive further bad publicity on education in the run-up to a general election.

The university system is being squeezed by about 1.5 per cent a year because it does not get enough money to cover inflation. It is thought that Sir Peter believes that British universities cannot continue to suffer this level of haemorrhage, and it would be better to close some down.

His advice to Sir Keith is expected to be confidential but to carry a recommendation that it be published.

But even if the universities do get an extra £20m to make up at least part of the 1.5 per cent shortfall, they will still face financial difficulties, if only because of staff salary increases. The Government has allowed for a 3.5 per rise, but the universities are likely to have to offer more to satisfy their staff.

The Government is clearly worried about education spending, Mr Ian McGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told officials last week that education was now one of the top priorities for ministers and the Conservative Party. The clear implication is that it must not be cut further.

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Two readers shared yesterday's £4,000 daily prize — details, page 3

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Kinnock out to purge key Militants after winning rules change

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock's planned purge of leading Militants was back on course last night after Labour's national executive committee cleared the way for the expulsion of Mr Derek Hatton and up to 11 other supporters of the Trotskyist Tendency from Liverpool.

The Labour leader, who won overwhelming backing to change the party's rules and so prevent a repeat of the tactics which wrecked last month's disciplinary hearings, also gained another significant victory when the executive refused to endorse Mr Pat Wall, a leading Militant supporter, as parliamentary candidate for Bradford North.

The change in rules was made necessary after a High Court judge banned eight executive committee members of the inquiry team into Militant from taking part in last month's subsequent disciplinary hearings, and seven hard left executive members walked out of the meeting, leaving the executive without a quorum.

Mr Kinnock's proposal to

make the quorum in future 50 per cent plus one member of those eligible was passed by 18 votes to 4.

The opposition to the change came from four of the seven executive members who staged last month's walkout: Mr Eric Heffer, Mr Dennis Skinner, Miss Joan Maynard and Miss Frances Curran, the Young Socialists' representative. Mr Eric Clarke, of the National Union of Mineworkers, and Miss Jo Richardson, who also walked out last month, abstained. Mr Tony Benn did not attend yesterday's meeting.

Mr Kinnock, overjoyed by the support for the rule changes, said afterwards: "It was a very, very big majority for a change which had been made necessary by changed circumstances."

He said the change enjoyed support not only in the executive "but throughout the whole movement. That has been the message that has come through since the walk-out last month."

The reopened disciplinary

bearings against the Merseyside dozen would get under way within "a very few weeks," and are likely to last for two days.

Mr Wall, chosen by his local constituency party to fight Bradford North for the second general election running, will now have to appear before the executive to disavow previous remarks made in support of Militant.

During the executive meeting Mr Kinnock received strong backing from Mr David Blunkett, the Sheffield City Council leader, who attacked Militant.

"The credibility of the party is at stake and whether the party is seen to be subject to the tactics of particular group outside the NEC who want to see the party ground into the dust," he said.

Mr Eddie Haigh, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who seconded Mr Kinnock's motion, said: "We have to come off the fence once and for all and deal firmly with this unacceptable face of British politics."

Arms seized after 'loyalist' riots

From Gavin Bell, Belfast

The police seized arms, ammunition and bomb-making equipment in "loyalist" areas of Belfast yesterday after a night of rioting and arson estimated to have caused more than £1 million damage.

The violence erupted in the city and outlying communities a few hours after the funeral of Keith White, aged 20, the first Protestant killed by a police plastic bullet. He suffered the fatal injury in rioting in Portadown on Easter Monday.

Despite appeals for calm by his father and political leaders, youths rampaged through loyalist areas of Belfast and Lisburn, Co Down, throughout the night, erecting barricades of burning vehicles and attacking police with stones, petrol bombs and gunfire. The Royal Ulster Constabulary responded with plastic bullets and eight people were arrested, but there were no reports of serious injuries.

The worst arson attacks were against a golf club and a country inn at Dunmurry, south of Belfast, and a Roman Catholic primary school in the city. Other petrol bombs badly damaged the homes of two Catholic families and of a former RUC officer and a community worker.

As dawn revealed an urban battlefield littered with rocks,

broken glass and burnt-out vehicles, the police raided a loyalist social club off the Shankill Road in west Belfast. They discovered fuse and detonator wires, a bomb-making manual, vats of an ammonium solution, and petrol bomb equipment.

Shortly afterwards they were called to a house in Shore Road in the north of the city where a woman had been shot. The police said they were treating the killing as non-political.

In a separate incident, three men were arrested after police raided a community centre in Ardree Avenue, a nationalist area of Belfast. Scuffles broke out as the men were being led away and bottles were thrown at the police.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, condemned the violence, saying that the rioters were playing into the hands of Ulster's enemies and causing further heartbreak to Mr White's family.

Three youths appeared in court in Belfast yesterday. Bail was allowed for two accused of riotous behaviour, but they were ordered to remain at home between 9 pm and 7 am. A third, charged with possession of a petrol bomb, was remanded in custody.

Bombing threat to bases

By Tim Jones

Tight security surrounded military establishments in Wales last night after bomb threats by an organization calling itself Revolutionary Arabs in Wales.

According to a letter delivered to the BBC in Cardiff, the hitherto unheard of organization would be embarking on a campaign of terror within the next 10 days.

The police are slightly sceptical as two intended targets have no connection with the United States.

But military bases, particularly at RAF St Athan, South Glamorgan, and RAF Brawdy, in Dyfed, which has strong US military links, are on a state of red alert.

At the St Athan base, which is the largest RAF mechanical maintenance service station in Britain, armed troops have been manning road-blocks and searching cars. Passes granted to civilians nearby, enabling them to use facilities such as the swimming pool, have been temporarily withdrawn.

There are large numbers of Middle Eastern students living at Cardiff and Swansea who have frequently demonstrated in support of Iran and Libya.

Sporting pictures in demand

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sporting pictures were the biggest money-spinners among the English pictures at Christie's yesterday.

Ben Marshall's "Bravura, an iron-grey filly, with James Robinson" sold for £259,200 (unpublished estimate £300,000-£400,000). It was bought by a private collector.

It is the kind of Marshall picture that usually makes big money, with several figures and a spreading view of Newmarket Heath behind. The horse and jockey fill the centre of the picture with the stocky, top-hatted owner, Sir Robert Keith Dick, standing beside them, and other horses and riders in the background.

A farmyard scene of an old thatched barn and wooded landscape, by John Frederick Herring senior, fetched £237,600 (unpublished estimate £200,000-£300,000). It was painted for William Taylor Copeland, who ran the porcelain factory at Stoke-on-Trent and was a keen patron of Herring's.

Other high prices in the sale included a group portrait of an English lawyer and his family and servants in India by Johann Zoffany at £216,000 (unpublished estimate £200,000-£300,000). It was painted in 1783, the year that the Impey family left India and Zoffany arrived there.

Prices were mainly in line with expectations though two paintings failed to sell, a Woolton at £105,000 and a Turner at £140,000. The sale totalled £2,911,896, with 19 per cent unsold.

In New York on Thursday, Sotheby's reported a huge new influx of private collectors bidding for Old Master paintings, not a field that traditionally interests Americans.

A panel painting of the "Head of Christ", attributed to the studio of Jan Provost, overturned expectations to secure \$270,000 (estimate \$6,000-£8,000) or £146,179. It was bought by the Alexander Gallery of New York.

Deeper study urged of the terrorist mentality

By Ronald Faux

A deeper study of terrorism and the terrorist mind was called for yesterday, after a three-day conference in Aberdeen of anti-terrorism specialists, academics and diplomats from 20 countries.

The American raid on Libya brought a topical focus to the talks. It was concluded that the relationship between state sponsors and terrorist groups should be closely studied.

Professor Paul Wilkinson, head of international relations and the department of politics at Aberdeen University, said after the conference that all available technology was not being used to tighten security and prevent such outrages as the Athens bombing.

Aviation security needed a radical review, particularly in the way luggage in an aircraft hold was searched, so that plastic explosives, as used in the TWA bombing, could be detected.

"There are technologies that we can put to work and I believe we have to use a combination of the human factor and keeping at least one step ahead of the terrorist in

technical terms," Professor Wilkinson said.

Dr David Schuller, of Berlin University, said that he expected no quick solutions to terrorism, which would be with the world for at least the next 50 years. "It is a disease of the industrial Western world and we have to live with it," he said.

Terrorism showed a growth rate of 10 to 15 per cent a year and there was no chance that it could be wiped out.

Dr Schuller said that tourists from Britain, Europe and America should not stay away from the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

He believed that there would be some voting with the feet against countries which had failed to secure their airports, or had not done much to corporal punishment, using them as a jumping-off point for their actions.

He said that if those members of the European community could not be convinced on a political level to change, perhaps they could be convinced that it was in their interests to reconsider their stance towards certain countries and groups, he said.

Cane ban vote forces issue

The House of Lords vote on Thursday night to ban the cane from schools is not expected to lead to an early end to corporal punishment, although it will force the Government to reveal its hand on the question (Lucy Hodges writes).

This is the second time the Lords have voted to abolish corporal punishment in schools, thus bringing Britain into line with the rest of Europe, but the Government is unlikely to accept the vote, particularly in the run-up to a General Election. If it did, it would antagonize an important element of the Conservative Party which believes in strong measures to uphold law and order and discipline.

But ministers are in a dilemma because the recent corporal punishment Bill, which proposed that parents

could exempt their children from the cane, was universally denounced as unworkable and administratively clumsy. Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, described it as "least bad solution".

The Lords killed off the Bill in July last year by amending it so that it abolished corporal punishment. The Bill had been the Government's attempt to comply with a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights that children should be educated in line with their parents' wishes.

When the Lords aborted the legislation, the Government dropped it, saying it would have to think about what to do next to comply with the European court. It is clear that ministers have been shelving the issue, but can do so no longer, after this week's



A grim-faced Mr Eric Heffer arriving for the meeting which decided to back Mr Kinnock.

War of words in jails

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office has accused prison officers of manipulating duties to make extra money. But the Prison Officers' Association (POA) blames arrangements made by the Prison Department.

The clash reflects a growing effort to win over public opinion as the prison officers prepare for industrial action and ministers consider drastic action to deal with it.

The Home Office says that at local and remand prisons there is pressure at weekends and on bank holidays to maintain staffing levels when tasks are fewer, to enable staff to earn overtime.

"It is just not true," the POA says. "The requirement

for overtime is determined by management and not staff."

The Home Office says information is going to light which shows that officers on court duties delay their return to prisons until after the court has risen to obtain maximum subsistence allowances.

The POA replies: "What has happened recently is that to cut costs the Prison Department has insisted that the vehicles, which are privately owned, return to their garages to save waiting all day, and they have to return in the evening to collect staff and prisoners. You don't know how long a case will go on, so the tendency is to return after the court has closed."

According to the Home Office, attempts are made to milk the system by which meal breaks are paid for during confinement duty. Economies such as eating breakfast before coming on duty are resisted.

The POA explains that if management extends a shift without warning and a meal break has to be taken as part of the shift, the meal break is paid for, as negotiated.

The Home Office criticises the insistence that uniformed officers be present in the workshops of certain prisons with a low security category.

But the POA says: "If prison officers, even in the lowest category establishments, are not there, dangerous incidents can occur and there is always a danger of drug-making implements or aids to escape being made."

Prison officers who grab all the hours of work they can manage are known in prison jargon as "overtime bandits".

The highest earner last year received £27,000.

Opportunities vary according to the job. At one end a prison officer may be acting as a father figure to a deprived lad; at the other another may be called on to don riot gear to tackle a disturbance.

There are 18,689 prison officers, more than there have

Mafia cash police find 300 bank accounts

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Reporter

More than 300 suspect bank accounts have been uncovered by Scotland Yard detectives investigating a transatlantic financial network used to launder millions of pounds of profits from Mafia drugs gangs and big London criminals.

In the next few days officers working in the British Virgin Islands have found 150 bank accounts which they think are linked to the network. Another team of 10 officers on the Isle of Man is already looking at 174 accounts that could form the British end of a network, which also embraces Spain and Florida.

Detectives in the Virgin Islands are awaiting legal authority to begin sifting through the accounts, which are tied to shell companies and individuals. The islands are about 1,000 miles from Miami, the centre of enormous American drug trafficking groups.

The British squad on the islands has been joined by officers from the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, working with a special task force in Florida.

Two women and six men arrested in raids in south London and Bristol by a British task force have been released pending further inquiries.

Missing girl's body found

An oil company executive's missing 15-year-old daughter was found murdered yesterday. Fair-haired, blonde, 5'6", Tamboezer disappeared after setting off from her home in Little Cranmore Lane at West Horsley, Surrey, to buy sweets.

Police searching woodland found a body yesterday morning close to the spot where the girl's bicycle was found.

GCSE funding 'woefully inadequate'

By Bill Johnston, Technology Correspondent

Britain must be the only developed country in the world which is introducing its children to the computerised world of the future thanks to jumble sales, head teachers were told yesterday.

Mr Roland Brown, president of the Secondary Heads Association, said Britain was embarking on its most ambitious and far-reaching innovation, the new GCSE examination, and was spending only £26 million on it — enough to buy about two and a half text books for each pupil.

Such sums are woefully inadequate, he told the association's annual conference in Oxford.

For 10 years the education service had been starved of the money it needed to thrive and had been told to manage on less and less, he said. "We have felt in a very direct way just how weak and ill we are getting and the sharp protests which have shaken our schools during the past two years are the inevitable consequences."

But the SHA did not believe the recent leaked proposal for Crown schools was the answer, Mr Brown said. "We remain equally sceptical of the viability of a national scheme for school or education vouchers," he said.

Catholic paper to be protected by trust

By Clifford Longley

The Universe, the largest weekly religious newspaper in the United Kingdom, with a circulation of about 130,000, is to be acquired by a trust, representing the Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales. It is currently owned by the Trinity International group, proprietors of the Liverpool Daily Post and Echo. The Catholic Media Trust, which is to be the new owner, consists of nominees of the

Roman Catholic hierarchy, and two of the five members are bishops. It is an independent charity, not under the bishops' formal control, however. The deal involves a substantial sum, which has not been disclosed.

The Universe is profitable, and relies for its circulation largely on sales through parish churches each Sunday. Trinity International took the initiative in approaching the Trust.

'Economist' makes bid for US magazine

By Bill Johnston, Technology Correspondent

The British Economist Group is in the final stages of preparing a bid in the region of \$40 million for Scientific American, the world's biggest selling scientific magazine.

The British magazine, which sells 280,000 a week, 100,000 in the US, has been interested in launching science-based magazines in the US for some years. The projects were shelved for a variety of reasons.

In the past few months The Economist has been exploring the possibility of buying a share in Scientific American, which sells more than a million copies a month. Recently,

however, the magazine owners decided to sell outright.

The prestigious magazine is deemed to be profitable, although advertising revenue has been dropping because of increased competition. The owners have not disclosed detailed profit figures.

About 600,000 copies of the publication are sold in the US and another 400,000 of the English edition in non-US markets. The magazine also publishes editions in nine foreign languages.

Other publishers in the US are expected to bid for the science magazine.

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Magistrates will get extra training to deal with child abuse cases

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Magistrates in England and Wales are to undergo extra training for dealing with cases of child abuse, Lord Haleham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, announced yesterday.

The Government's decision comes in the wake of the report last year by the inquiry into the death of Jasmine Beckford and that of the Commons Social Services Committee, which also studied the case.

Lord Haleham, addressing Buckinghamshire Magistrates Association at Aylesbury, also warned magistrates to refrain from making comments in such cases. No rider should be attached to a care order, he said.

There were lessons to be learned from the Beckford report. One was that the "dangers which could result from making sympathetic expressions of hope, which, although made *obiter*, may be capable of being interpreted as

forming part of a court's order."

Lord Haleham added that he had endorsed also the recommendation in the report that magistrates in the juvenile court should explain the effect of their decision in simple language.

He had asked the Judicial Studies Board, which supervises the training of judges and magistrates, to consider extended training for members of juvenile court panels.

"The board recommends that such magistrates should receive 12 hours of special training every three years and that the syllabus should include matters relating to child abuse," he said.

The Lord Chancellor said that because the domestic court had jurisdiction also for matters such as the care, custody and supervision of children, the board had recommended that magistrates on domestic court panels should have to undergo similar refresher training.

"I think this is also good advice and I have decided to give effect to the recommendations."

The Law Society has set up specialist panels of solicitors to handle child-care cases with rigorous requirements about training and experience.

● The raincoated man was a myth and should be killed off, Miss Michele Elliott, director of the Child Assault Prevention Programme, told a conference on child abuse being held at Brighton yesterday.

Parents are still warning children to beware of the dirty old man in a raincoat who tries to lure them into his rusty car, instead of alerting the children to the danger that most sexual abuse is committed by "ordinary" people they already know, she said.

"We teach children road safety, water safety and not to play with matches. Yet the most likely experience they will have, child abuse, we do not talk to them about at all."

New move by MP on pin-ups

Mrs Clare Short, the MP who won formal permission last month to bring in a Bill to ban provocative pictures, in newspapers, is trying a second way of getting her proposal on to the statute-book (George Hill writes).

Her Bill has no chance of making real progress, and so Mrs Short, Labour MP for Birmingham, Ladywood, has put down an amendment on similar lines to Mr Winston Churchill's Bill to protect children from obscene publications.

Mrs Short's amendment would identify any newspaper which "depicts one or more naked, or partially naked, women in a sexually provocative pose" as an obscene publication, and would ban its sale or display anywhere where it might be seen by a person under 18.

The Bill returns to the Commons for its final stages next week.

Actor fined

Tony Britton, aged 61, the television actor, who admitted driving at 95 mph on a dual carriageway near Newcastle upon Tyne, was fined £50 by the city's magistrates yesterday.

Car prefix change 'will hurt traders'

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The Motor Agents Association, which represents three out of every four garages, yesterday attacked government plans to change the registration prefix of new cars from August to October as "a very damaging prospect for both traders and car owners".

Launching a campaign to persuade the Government to change its mind, Mr David Gent, the association's director-general, said that ministers' disregard for the views of the motor trade had surprised and angered his members.

An MAA survey of 5,000 franchised new-car dealers had shown that most were against October. If a change was necessary they favoured July.

This view was communicated to Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Transport, months before the Government decision was announced.

In a letter to MPs yesterday Mr Gent accused the Government of effectively increasing the price of new cars by reducing the trade-in value of the old ones.

Moving the annual "identifier" to October would flood the market with used cars at a time when demand traditionally slumped.

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'Heart' from muscle tissue

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Heart transplant patients could benefit from a new technique involving an organ being constructed from their own muscle tissue.

This would avoid problems of organ rejection and difficulties of matching donors with recipients.

The revolutionary "patchwork" heart operation, being developed by Dr Stanley Salmons, of Birmingham University's anatomy department, could provide a new lease of life for patients.

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Mr Keith Jeffery and his wife, Chris, of Fishponds, Bristol, with Fay, the week-old baby he thought he would never see after suffering near-fatal heart disease nine months ago.

Youth gets six years for 2 rapes

A rapist, aged 17, who attacked a girl five days after he was granted bail for a similar offence was sentenced to six years youth custody at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

Andrew Knott, of Kenwood Road, Bordesley Green, Birmingham, pleaded guilty to raping the two girls, aged 13 and 15, in December last year.

He knew the girl of 13 and after watching video films at her home, was allowed to stay the night. Next morning, after her mother had gone to work and the girl was preparing for school, Knott attacked her, ripped her clothes off and raped her.

He was arrested, charged and given bail. Five days later he persuaded two girls to go to a park where he raped the girl of 15.

Coin hoard is treasure trove

A hoard of four gold and 13 silver Celtic coins found on the seashore at Selsey, West Sussex, by a man with a metal detector was deliberately hidden about 2,000 years ago and is a treasure trove, an inquest at Chichester decided yesterday.

If the coins, worth between £5,000 and £10,000, are taken by a museum, the finder, Mr Richard Ellis, a fruit importer from Harlow, Essex, will receive their cash value, the coroner said.

Insecticide leak alert

A chemical alert was triggered at Yalding, near Maidstone, Kent, yesterday when a road tanker containing insecticide ruptured at an ICI plant, causing a cloud of gas to hang over the village and areas near by.

Eight people, including four police officers, were treated in hospital as firemen brought the chemical leak under control.

£2.5m blast at Cadbury plant

Factory inspectors yesterday began investigating the cause of a blast which ripped through the Cadbury chocolate factory in Knighton, Staffordshire, causing damage estimated at £2.5 million.

The fire brigade said that the explosion was possibly caused by a synthetic milk powder mixture accidentally igniting. Production could be halted for up to three months.

Divorce for Janet Suzman

Janet Suzman, aged 47, the actress, was granted a divorce in London yesterday from Trevor Nunn, aged 46, the theatre director, on the ground that they had lived apart for more than two years.

Miss Suzman, of Keats Grove, Hampstead, north-west London, said that she was reluctantly ending their marriage of 17 years. They have a son, Joshua, aged five.

Scilly Isles peace treaty

A peace treaty has been signed on St Mary's in the Isles of Scilly, ending a war which, according to legend, was started against the islands by Admiral Van Tromp of Holland in 1651, and never officially called off.

The signatories were Mr Rein Huydecoper, Netherlands Ambassador to Britain, and Mr Roy Duncan, chairman of the islands' council.

BBC post

John Tusi, a presenter on BBC's *Newsnight*, is to become managing director of BBC external broadcasting in the autumn. He succeeds Mr Austen Kark, who is retiring.

Computer messages 'went to Palace'

By a Staff Reporter

Computer hackers left messages for the Duke of Edinburgh in his secret electronic mailbox, a court was told yesterday. They were signed by someone calling himself M Hacker, it was said.

But a journalist accused of plugging into the information system denied that he was the culprit, the hearing was told.

Robert Schifreen, aged 22, got into a Prestel information account held by the Prince when he discovered the confidential royal identity number and password, it was alleged.

Schifreen is said to have told police: "I found codes belonging to the Duke of Edinburgh and logged in as him, simply for the pleasure of seeing the welcome frame come up saying 'Good afternoon, this is HRH Duke of Edinburgh'."

Asked if he sent any messages purporting to be the Prince, he replied: "No."

"There were reports in the press at the time that messages had been sent purporting to be from an M Hacker," he added. "That wasn't me, and I don't know to this day who did it."

He admitted to police logging on to the Prestel system as the Prince, but added: "I didn't then use that account to do anything. I just logged off then logged back into the system as the Duke of Edinburgh."

Schifreen, whose Prestel account name was Bug Hunter, accidentally obtained telephone numbers for private Prestel computers when he was testing new equipment, the court heard.

Then he found a list of every ID number and password allocated to subscribers when access codes to one of the private computers were "left lying around" within the system, Mr Austen Issard-Davies, for the prosecution, said.

Schifreen, of Edgewarebury Gardens, Edgware, north-west London, denies five charges of forgery.

It is alleged that he passed on the computer information to Stephen Gold, aged 33, of Watt Lane, Sheffield, who denies four similar charges.

The trial continues.

Two share daily prize of £4,000

The Times Portfolio Gold daily prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by two readers who each received £2,000.

Mr Geoffrey Barnes, aged 55, a business administrator for the Nursing Council, has been doing the contest for the past two years and has come "frustratingly close to winning once or twice before".

Mr Barnes, of Camberwell, south London, dabbles in the stock market, on which the Portfolio game is based, and said: "I have various investment funds and will probably invest some of the money."



Mr Barnes



Mr Turfrey

The other winner is Mr Kevin Turfrey, aged 37, who runs the Glebe House residential home for the elderly in Northleach, Gloucestershire, with his wife Jennifer.

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3000	111.18	81.18	64.02	51.45	42.84	36.33	31.23	27.36	23.97
4000	148.25	108.25	85.36	68.60	57.12	48.44	41.64	36.48	32.64
5000	185.31	135.31	106.70	85.75	71.40	60.55	51.50	45.12	40.80
7500	277.96	202.96	160.05	128.62	107.10	90.82	78.75	69.68	62.40

Public cuddling 'can insult'

Lovers seen kissing, cuddling and fondling in public streets may be guilty of using insulting behaviour, a judge warned in the High Court yesterday.

Lord Justice Glidewell said that overt homosexual or heterosexual conduct did not constitute an offence just because it was objectionable to many people.

But he added: "The display of such objectionable conduct in a public street may well be regarded by another person, particularly a young woman, as conduct which insults her by

suggesting that she is somebody who would find such conduct in a public place acceptable herself."

The judge, sitting with Mr Justice Schiemann, dismissed an appeal by two men who had been convicted of using insulting behaviour.

Simon Masterson and Robert Cooper, were seen cuddling intimately and kissing at a bus stop in Oxford Street, central London, at 1.55 am.

The men were arrested after two other young men, out with girl friends, objected to their behaviour. One said: "How

dare you in front of our girls."

Mr Adrian Fairfax, counsel for Masterson and Cooper, argued that although their behaviour might have been annoying, it was not "insulting".

But the judges upheld the conviction by Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court in August, 1984, where Masterson and Cooper were given an absolute discharge and bound over in the sum of £100 each to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for 12 months.

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Terror at Stonehenge festivals, bishop says

By Robin Young

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev John Baker, claimed yesterday that young people had been terrorized by self-styled Satanists during midsummer festivals at Stonehenge.

He had been given eyewitness accounts from doctors and clergy who had dealt with psychological casualties of previous festivals. "Girls under 16 on the run from home are in obvious physical and moral danger," he said.

The bishop cited the case of a boy who said that he had been held over a fire and cursed by self-styled Satanists, who then dragged him around the site behind a motor cycle.

"Much occult religion boasts of being evil," he said. Previous festivals had been "a

massive market for promoting drug abuse, including heroin and LSD openly advertised and tested by youngsters".

Last year 550 people were arrested by police intent on preventing a revival of the illegal festival at Stonehenge.

English Heritage, which is responsible for the maintenance of the 4,500-year-old monument, and the National Trust, owners of surrounding land used by hippies for several years as a festival campsite, say that they would be willing to entertain a properly organized and controlled summer solstice ceremony.

Wiltshire County Council has decided already to close, from May 19 to June 29, the A34 which runs past Stonehenge to prevent hippies assembling there.

Satanist on trial 'ought to be dead'

A self-styled Satanist should be dead 10 times over and not sitting in the dock if what he claimed was true, Maidstone Crown Court was told yesterday.

Derry Mainwaring Knight claimed his treachery to the Satanists had "marked him down for death", but he was still very much alive, Mr Michael Corkery, QC, for the prosecution, said in his closing speech to the jury.

Knight, aged 46, an unemployed painter and decorator, of Dormans Land, Surrey, denies 19 charges of obtaining more than £200,000 by deception from Christians.

He claims he bought Satanist regalia to free himself from the control of the Devil, but it is alleged he spent the money on fast cars and women.

The trial was adjourned until Tuesday.

Law Society protest over circuit court budget cuts

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society has written to the Lord Chancellor's Department to protest at cuts in the courts' budgets for this year. In particular on the Wales and Chester circuit.

A cut of about £300,000 on the estimated need on that circuit will "inevitably lead to delays in civil cases as well as to a substantial reduction in standards on the circuit", the society said yesterday.

After protests by local solicitors, the circuit has withdrawn plans to implement the cut, which would have meant a 20 per cent reduction in crime court sittings. All part-time sittings, those by assistant registrars and deputy registrars, were to have been cancelled.

But there will still be a reduction in planned sittings by deputy registrars in the county court for the coming year. These will be cut to 372, compared with 894 in 1984, a loss of more than 500 days' work.

Circuit staff are examining how they can reduce costs further. Although they are looking at travel and subsistence allowances, part-time judges' fees, and such items of administration as bank charges, telephone bills and postage, a spokesman said that there would inevitably be a "knock-on" effect through to the court hearings.

The manner, which means a 2 per cent cut on estimated expenditure for 1985/86, bringing the budget down to £9 million, has been taken up by Mr Alexander Carlie, QC, the Liberal spokesman on legal affairs, who earlier this week described the cut as deplorable.

Yesterday Mr Andrew

'Pay interest to creditors' call by Owen

Companies slow to settle unpaid debts should be legally liable to pay interest to their creditors, Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, said yesterday (George Hill writes).

Small firms were especially vulnerable to slow repayments, he said.

"In France, West Germany and Italy, small businessmen can press for a statutory right to interest payments on unpaid commercial debts, after a specified period", Dr Owen said, calling for a similar provision in British company law.

Red tape restricting the growth of new businesses, should be cut back by legislation, on the lines of the Regulatory Flexibility Act in the United States, he added.

£10m security plan for power sub-stations

The Electricity Council is to spend £10 million to improve security at electricity sub-stations to prevent trespass.

The move comes in response to an inquest jury's recommendations after the deaths of two boys who entered a sub-station at Selston, Nottinghamshire, last summer.

Mr Alistair Goodlad, junior minister at the Department of Energy, in a Commons written reply yesterday to Mr Frank Haynes, Labour MP for Ashfield, said that a working party set up after the accident had recommended three courses of action at a cost of £10 million.

They were better security, better education and research into and development of more sensitive means of detecting mechanical failures.



Sir Richard Attenborough face to face with Bryan Organ's portrait of him, commissioned by Leicestershire Museums and Art Galleries. It went on show yesterday.

New problem at baby food plant

The baby food factory in Kendal, Cumbria, which was closed when it was linked with an outbreak of food poisoning in more than 40 babies, has another problem.

Just weeks after it looked set to resume business, Boots, who took over the plant several weeks ago, said that further traces of salmonella bacteria had been found around the drying plant, and the company was not satisfied that the plant could meet its high standards of cleanliness.

Salmonella bacteria were found in the new year after it had been shut down just before Christmas.

It reopened only after a massive sterilizing operation and at the end of March production resumed with the processing of a huge order for dried skimmed milk.

In its statement, Boots said: "Although the product and the process is free from any contamination, we are not yet 100 per cent confident that the old plant can be made to meet the company's exacting standards and we are, therefore, placing all our resources in

completing and commissioning an entirely new milk drying plant."

A spokesman said that it would take between three and six months for the new plant to be ready, but Boots was prepared to accept only the highest standards.

The production of all dried milk foods has stopped until the new plant opens, although ready-to-feed production is to continue.

About 60 part-time and temporary staff were made redundant when the Kendal factory closed. There are now 260 employees.

The spokesman said that the company would have to review its short-term staffing and there would be discussions soon with the unions.

The new drying plant cost £6 million and was to have made the factory one of the most modern and efficient milk drying plants in the country.

It was to have been completed by the end of 1985, but has yet to be commissioned.

Boots took over the Kendal factory and Farley's sister plant in Plymouth in a £18 million deal.

Act 'will close gaps in unions'

Increased union balloting as a result of the Trade Union Act, 1984, means many trade unions will soon be carrying out regular surveys to discover the views of their members and to establish closer contact with them, Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, forecast yesterday.

Mr Graham, who is soon to become director of the Industrial Society, was speaking in London to a conference on industrial communications, organized by Vista Communications.

Mr Graham said: "Although trade union national committees are elected directly by members, unions receive policy instructions from annual conferences, which are a collection of activists."

Surveys would ensure that the activists were aware of the wishes of union members and so help industry as a whole.

Mr Graham added: "I can see in the future that this sort of survey will be issued prior to major strike ballots."

Channel link Bill published

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Channel Tunnel Bill, for the building and operation of the £2.5 billion link between England and France, was published by the Government yesterday and should be law by next Easter.

It gives authority for the tunnel's private promoters, the Channel Tunnel Group and Franche-Manche, to build and run the planned railway under the English Channel, and authorizes improvements

to the rail network in London, Surrey and Kent and to local roads.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, promised yesterday that individuals or groups whose interests were directly affected by the scheme would be able to have their views heard by a special Commons select committee which will examine the Bill.

The Government measure is likely to have its second reading early next month and the select committee hear-

ings will take place in the summer.

Mr Ridley said: "Following the signing of the fixed-link treaty with France on February 12 this year and the signing of the concession agreement with the promoters on March 14, I gave a commitment to introduce the necessary legislation at the earliest opportunity."

The publication of the Channel Tunnel Bill fulfils that promise and sets out the legal framework for this historic undertaking.

Pledge to speak at Rawalpindi

Bhutto scorns rally threats as riot police stand guard

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Miss Benazir Bhutto, leader of the Pakistan People's Party, pledged yesterday to address a rally in Rawalpindi — where her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was hanged in 1979 — in spite of threats she said had been made to her.

Continuing yesterday on her eight-day road journey to Rawalpindi, she said that her "peaceful march" on the capital was aimed at a revolution and at radical change in the destiny of the masses.

According to press reports, Miss Bhutto's last major public meeting, on Thursday in Jhelum, one of the main suppliers of officers and men for Pakistan's armed forces, was marked for its emotional response from thousands of cheering people when she reminded them that her father, the former Prime Minister, had been instrumental in securing the release of about 90,000 Pakistani servicemen held by India as prisoners of war after the Bangladesh war in 1971.

As she left Jhelum for Rawalpindi, where she was due to address a rally later

yesterday afternoon, Miss Bhutto said she had been threatened that she would not be able to speak at her public meetings in Rawalpindi and other towns.

Banging on the rostrum, she said: "Benazir will speak in Rawalpindi, Multan and Peshawar, and none on earth can stop her in doing so."

However, none of the journalists covering the tour through Punjab suggests that

through Kharian, a town important for its cantonment and Armoured Corps centre.

In an apparent reference to General Zia, Chief of Army Staff and an Armoured Corps officer, she said it was from here that "the usurper proceeded to Islamabad in the darkness of the night with tanks".

She added: "But I am going in daylight to Islamabad, with bare hands and armed only with principles."

Violence feared

Rawalpindi (Reuters) — The American and British Embassies in Islamabad are advising their nationals not to travel to Rawalpindi, where they fear that crowds protesting against the US raids on Libya might become violent. Armed police guard both legations.

The Government has placed any impediments in her way during her tour.

Miss Bhutto, who has singled out President Zia, who removed her father in 1977, for attacks at all her public meetings, said she had come

to Rawalpindi: Helmed riot police and baton-wielding "People's Guards" of her Pakistan People's Party stood guard here yesterday as Miss Bhutto led her march towards the home of the Pakistani Army (Reuters reports).

In groups of about 50, riot police watched President Zia's residence, the Central Jail, Liaquat Park, and key crossroads in the garrison city.

Inside Liaquat Park, where Miss Bhutto is expected to draw tens of thousands of people to hear her call for new elections, about 500 Peoples' Guards stood ready with sticks to control crowds.

UN envoy tackles Afghan problem

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A further round of indirect negotiations aimed at bringing to an end the conflict in Afghanistan began last night as Señor Diego Cordovez, special representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, arrived in the Indian capital for discussions.

Yesterday he was shuttling between the Afghan Embassy in the diplomatic enclave of Delhi and the Pakistan Ambassador's Residence. He met both Mr Shah Mahmud Dost, the Afghan Foreign Minister, and Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, his Pakistani counterpart. Both are in Delhi attending the foreign ministers' meeting of the non-aligned movement.

Señor Cordovez is reported to have a draft version of the fourth and, it is hoped, final

instrument of the Afghan talks, which will include:

- A timetable for the withdrawal of Soviet troops.
- Proposals for simultaneous implementation.

The fourth instrument will draw together the other three instruments already agreed in the Geneva process, undertakings of non-interference, international guarantees, and arrangements for the rehabilitation and return of refugees.

Although Pakistan is coming under increasing pressure, the only terms on which Islamabad is likely to agree would leave the Afghan Government wholly exposed. "The Karmal regime would last hours, not days, following a Soviet withdrawal," said a source close to the UN-sponsored process.

Goa model rejected by Tamils

Colombo — The Tamil United Liberation Front said here yesterday it is rejecting the latest Government proposals to resolve the country's ethnic problem because they fell short of the degree of devolution of power demanded by the Tamils (Our Correspondent writes).

A party spokesman said that the proposals included the establishment of "union territories" such as Goa in India. But Goa was not a model appropriate or adequate to meet their demands.

Seven Sri Lankan airmen and two civilians were killed yesterday when Tamil guerrillas exploded a landmine under their vehicle in the north-west of the island.

Philippines rebels kill 18 in ambush

Manila (AFP) — Eighteen soldiers were killed and eight wounded in an ambush by communist guerrillas in the eastern province of Albay yesterday, the state-run Philippines news agency said.

The ambush happened in the outskirts of Cagsayao, 180 miles east of here.

Manila newspapers yesterday reported heavy fighting between soldiers and New People's Army insurgents in the village of Upper Mainit on the island of Mindanao.

Cyanide suicide on TV

Amherst, Massachusetts (UPI) — A satirical college television show turned into a tragedy when a distraught young man drank a mug of cyanide-laced Kool-Aid during a live, closed-circuit broadcast and died.

He collapsed in the television studio at the school library soon after, as viewers watched his body convulse from the effects of the poison. Mr Hermann, who planned to attend the college in the autumn, was dead on arrival at hospital.

Andrew Hermann, aged 17, went on the air at the end of a two-hour programme broadcast weekly at Hampshire College. He launched a tirade against administrative poli-

cies at the arts school, announced that he would drink Kool-Aid laced with cyanide, and gulped down what appeared to be a mug of a grape drink.

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Japan equality law lets down wives

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan's new equality of employment law might please feminists, but for millions of wives working part-time its benefits are hard to discern.

The law urges employers to give female workers the same training, welfare and retirement conditions as men, but sets no penalties or even adequate conditions for arbitration. It encourages continued employment of women after they marry, but the only recourse a sacked wife has is still a long and expensive court battle.

The law, which took effect on April 1, was put together hurriedly last year by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to satisfy the requirements of the United Nations during Women's Year.

So far its most immediate effect has been poorer working conditions for women and encouragement for companies to introduce a more rigid "class

system" to mark "career" women from others.

To take the career path, women must be prepared to move anywhere within Japan or abroad, exactly like a male employee. The alternative is to stay at the local office and to expect no advancement or improvement in salary.

Ironically, opposition to the law has come not only from senior managers but also from young men afraid of increased competition for the fewer promotions on offer.

The new law certainly sheets the needs of ambitious professionals by lifting restrictions on women working unsocial hours and overtime, but it does little for the more than 50 per cent of housewives who work at what are termed part-time jobs but which are, in every aspect except union representation and salary, *de facto* full-time jobs.

Women are paid an average 52.6 per cent of the male

salary for full-time work. Part-time workers earn an average 74.2 per cent of the full-time woman's salary, even though their hours of work are similar.

The Government itself is taking little responsibility to follow through on the Bill. Dissemination of information about the law is being left to the media. The Ministry of Labour has a national force of 200 to monitor the law's enforcement, but they have to watch 3.5 million companies and have no right to investigate them.

The onus is therefore on women to bring abuses to light. But only 20 per cent of full-time women workers are in a union, and, given the paternalistic nature of employment in Japan, any woman bringing a complaint against her employer is taking a considerable risk.

Science report

Third generation drugs for ulcers

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A new type of drug against ulcers is being examined by the Government's Committee on Safety of Medicines. The drugs have had trials with at least two big pharmaceutical companies.

Presenting the latest data on the tests to the European Congress on Gastroenterology, doctors said that the new drugs acted best against peptic ulcers. They represent a third generation of drugs in the treatment of this condition.

The active ingredient is based on the prostaglandin family of hormones.

Unlike antacids, which act by neutralizing excess acid secretion in the stomach, or the second generation H₂-receptor antagonists, which

reduce acid production by stomach cells, the latest compounds behave in a variety of ways to counteract the disorder. The basic level of gastric acid secretion is regulated in conjunction with another way of protecting cells by stimulating bicarbonate and mucus secretion.

The discovery comes when some of the accepted ideas about ulcers are being revised. It was thought that people working under high pressure, with associated stress, were more prone to ulcers.

Recent surveys of men and women with high-stress jobs, such as air-traffic controllers, have shown that they are no more likely to contract ulcers than anyone else.

Anybody can get ulcers, one in six people in the western

world suffers from them at some time. Fifty years ago, four males contracted them for every female, but today there are more female and fewer male sufferers. No one knows why, but one theory is that smoking may contribute.

Ulcers are caused when craters occur in the protective lining of the stomach (gastric ulcers) or small intestine (duodenal ulcers) as the result of an upset between the gastrointestinal tract's natural defences and the substances that release the acid necessary for digestion. They are acetylsalicylic acid and gastrin, secreted in cells in the stomach lining. They sometimes produce too much acid, which erodes the walls of the stomach or duodenum.

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Woman's sex allegations 'mischievous'

An industrial tribunal in London yesterday rejected a community worker's claims that her former employer sexually harassed her.

The entire case of Pam Caine, former education officer with Hackney Council for Racial Equality in London, was described as "mischievous and frivolous".

Miss Caine, aged 28, of Albert Road, Leyton, east London, alleged that the council chairman, Mr Lloyd King, wanted to touch her.

Miss Caine claimed that Mr King and Mr Ian Hag, a senior officer, discriminated against her on grounds of sex and race in barring her from doing a university course.

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Whitelaw reaffirms British backing for America

HOUSE OF LORDS

Having weighed up all the factors, the Government's decision to support the United States action against Libya was justified in the interests of Britain, world peace and the fight against state inspired terrorism, Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the Lords, said when opening a debate on the US action.

Knowing of plans for further terrorist attacks by the Libyans, no government could stand by while they were carried out.

That was the position in which the United States found itself when deciding what action was open to it.

It had been said Britain's decision had lain the country open to the threat of Libyan terrorism. No one could ever be sure about the reactions of ruthless terrorists.

The recent tragic events in the Lebanon and the bombs at Heathrow yesterday made plain the dangers which such people presented. He hoped no

one would suggest that such a risk would have justified holding back from the decision the Government believed necessary in the wider struggle against state sponsored terrorism.

Such an attitude did not buy off terrorists. Experience showed it merely emboldened them to destroy our country and our way of life.

If by supporting the United States action (he said) we succeed in seriously weakening the fount of terrorism we shall do a great deal to protect British citizens as well as American citizens all over the world.

Evidence of Libyan involvement in terrorism included the murder of WPC Fletcher, support for the Provisional IRA, Libyan arms found in an arms cache in January in the Republic of Ireland and the recent bombing in West Berlin which left two dead and 230 injured.

Communications between Tripoli and the Libyan People's bureau in East Berlin about the planning and the outcome of this operation were now

generally known and widely accepted.

The history of economic sanctions offered little hope of effectiveness unless they were widely supported in many countries. Securing such support was not a real prospect in the case of Libya.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Leader of the Labour peers, said that he refused absolutely the implication that opposition to the American action was in some way a condonation of terrorism. The American action was not the right course and the Government should not have supported it.

If the evidence to support the action was irrefutable, substantial and clear, it should have been on the table of the Security Council. The United States had taken the law into their own hands. They had done what they and Britain condemned other countries for breaching international law.

Everyone agreed that international terrorism must be tackled urgently. Even more important was to tackle its causes. Reappraisal of the Mid-

dle East situation was urgently required in the light of events and fences must be mended with Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other friendly states.

Lady Seear, leader of the Liberal peers, said the Libyans did not support the American attack, nor agree that the British Government had been right in giving permission. The attack made the fight against terrorism more difficult, not easier. The bombing was likely to stimulate terrorism to further action.

The Archbishop of York (Dr John Habgood) said that he shared the doubts of the councils of churches about the wisdom of the method of combating terrorism and its legality under the UN Charter.

We have to reaffirm international law and tighten our normal security measures (he said), but beyond that three things are essential: To tackle the cause because you will never eradicate terrorism as long as there are those who believe they have been treated with deep injustice and believe they have no other way of expressing that

injustice; you have to separate terrorist groups from their potential allies; and you have to keep the moral high ground because terrorism feeds on a distorted sense of self-righteousness. The United States action failed on all three grounds.

Field Marshal Lord Carver said that the natural action of a military man was to ask what was the aim of the action and whether it was likely to achieve that aim. If the action had a good chance of succeeding in that aim why was there any difficulty?

Obviously there had been grave differences about whether it would achieve its aim and he suspected that that would have been the advice of diplomatic and military advisers if they were consulted. He hoped they were.

Lord Howe of the Island (C), the former Prime Minister, said so far the cold fact was that no one other than President Reagan had tried to do anything effective about terrorism. In this matter of resistance to violence they must stand together. Separately

they would be picked off one by one.

The main guarantee democracies possessed against those who dealt in aggression was the readiness of the people of the US to underwrite with their power the security of the continent of Europe and the Atlantic ocean. In all the circumstances on that occasion, faced with that dilemma, the Prime Minister's decision was right.

The Russians must be beginning to be interested in strengthening international law against terrorism. In these matters Britain must give a lead.</

THE LIBYA CRISIS

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Shultz hoping for a military coup

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The Reagan Administration is watching events in Tripoli with mounting hope and even a sense of expectation that the rule of Colonel Gaddafi may soon be in serious trouble. Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State, said yesterday that a military coup would be "all to the good".

There is obvious disappointment within the Administration that the Libyan leader was not killed in Monday's raid, though Mr. Shultz insisted that he had not been a direct target.

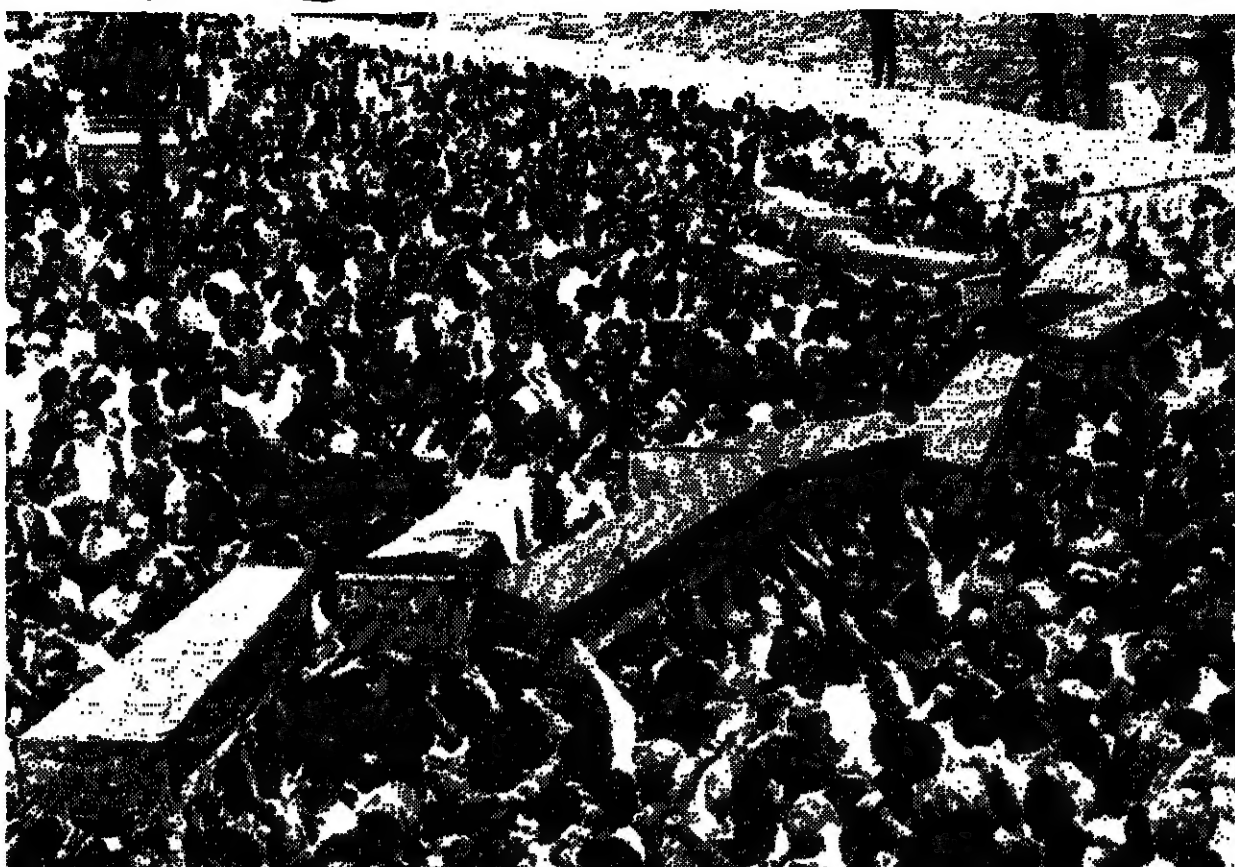
President Reagan said: "We weren't out to kill anybody." But other unnamed officials were quoted yesterday as saying that the attack was planned in the hope that Colonel Gaddafi would be killed. His exact whereabouts on the night of the raid, however, were not known to American intelligence.

Mr. Shultz, speaking to reporters in his State Department office, said that the targets were selected to make an "impression" on Libyan armed forces, a remark suggesting that the overthrow of the colonel was a prime objective of the action.

He said he lacked sufficient information to say that there was movement towards a coup. But a White House official claimed that the US had intelligence reports that one military unit had rebelled on Wednesday only to be foiled by the Air Force.

Mr. Shultz suggested that a successor to Colonel Gaddafi would concentrate more on internal problems than on international affairs.

He pointed out that the US had "a general stance" against trying to kill foreign leaders, a reference to an executive order signed by President Ford in 1976 and reaffirmed by



Hundreds of Libyans marching in a funeral in Tripoli yesterday for 20 victims of Tuesday's bombing raid by US planes.

Presidents Carter and Reagan. Senator Robert Dole, the Republican leader of the Senate, has joined in introducing legislation that would give the President vastly increased powers to respond to terrorist attacks, including possible authority to order assassinations in some cases.

Counter-terrorist actions would be freed from constraints imposed by the post-Vietnam War Powers Resolution. As it stands, the legislation has little chance of surviving in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives.

According to newly-released Pentagon details of the attack, almost a third of the US Air Force F111 bombers sent on the raid from Britain aborted their mission because of strict instructions not to bomb their targets unless all equipment was functioning perfectly. Only 13 of the planes took part in the action.

According to the Pentagon, 24 F111s flew from Lakenheath RAF station. Five EF111s flew from the base at Heyford. Six of the F111s were spare aircraft but turned back once the mission was underway.

Allies' reactions differ in public and private

Mr. Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said yesterday that private responses of many allied governments were very different to their critical public reactions to the raid on Libya (Rodney Cowton writes).

He said that strains on the alliance caused by the raid were regrettable, but that it had to be borne in mind that "there is a difference between the public

statements of many governments and their private statements to us as to the feelings they have in respect to the fact that somebody has finally taken strong action against terrorism."

Speaking at a transatlantic press conference by satellite, Mr. Weinberger said that the difference between public and private reactions was also apparent, though to a lesser extent, in the Arab world.

American tourists cross off Europe in fear of reprisal

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Terrorism and the fear of Libyan reprisals are keeping millions of Americans at home and on the ground.

They are calling off their holiday trips to Europe and the Mediterranean and are opting for the places they think are safer. They are swarming to Canada, Alaska, and the holiday regions in their own country.

Many people want nothing to do with airports or aircraft. They are choosing motorway holidays — and the bonus of cheap petrol.

Thousands who are sticking to their plans to travel to and from the US are cancelling their flights on American airlines and switching instead to others they believe more safe.

A New York travel agent said yesterday: "We had written off Greece some time ago. Hardly anyone wants to go there. Now we find that people are cancelling their trips to Italy, Spain, Portugal, and even France."

"And it is not only a matter of cancellations; this year we have not had so many bookings in the first place. At this time I usually have a huge stack of bookings to process. This year, hardly any."

"The effect on the European holiday trade is devastating. Fortunately my business is about 90 per cent business travel, and that still remains good."

"Businessmen are still going to London because it is such an important commercial centre, and many of them take on a holiday after the business trip. London, Amsterdam and Scandinavia are still seen as being OK."

Paris says four more Libyans must leave

From Susan MacDonald Paris

M. Robert Pandraud, the French Minister for Security, announced here yesterday that four Libyan nationals were being expelled from France.

An official statement said that their expulsion resulted from "movements by the four which could be prejudicial to public order."

The Interior Ministry gave no further official information or reasons for the expulsions. The Libyans' identities and destinations were not revealed.

Four unnamed Libyans were booked on a Libyan Arab Airlines flight from Paris to Tripoli, however, and these last-minute passengers displaced journalists with tickets to Tripoli, despite their firm bookings.

The Libyan People's Bureau here said yesterday that they did not know the identity of the Libyans to be expelled.

The bureau's secretary, Mr. Hamed el-Houdeiry, described the expulsions as a manoeuvre by the American intelligence services to sour Libya's relations with France.

He added that the four were not diplomats, nor Libyans residing in France.

The expulsions come just two weeks after France ordered out four people, including two Libyan diplomats, in the wake of French intelligence investigations into possible attacks on American targets in Europe.

Speaking on French radio yesterday, before the latest expulsions were announced, Mr. Pandraud said: "We have begun to terrorize the terrorists. I am not like Jesus Christ, if someone gives me a slap, I give him two."

"Expulsions are sometimes necessary, and we have been watching the Libyan community in France very closely," he added.

M. Jean Bernard Raimond, the French External Affairs Minister, will visit Morocco at the end of next week.

High on his agenda is believed to be the treaty of union between Morocco and Libya.

In the wake of the recent withdrawal of French military observers from Lebanon, the United Nations is due to make a decision on France's request that the expiring mandate for its 1,400-strong contingent with the UN forces in south Lebanon should be extended for a two-month period, instead of the usual six months.

Massive security greets jet

The first Libyan flight to Britain since the US bombing raid arrived at Heathrow Airport yesterday to be greeted by armed police in a huge security operation.

As the scheduled Libyan Boeing 727 drew towards its parking area, a police Land-Rover drove out to meet it. One end of a Heathrow pier was sealed off and a team of nearly a dozen British Airports Authority security staff were brought in.

Flight from Khartoum

Nairobi — A chartered plane arrived here from Khartoum carrying 175 Americans, many of them women and children, evacuated from the Sudanese capital (Charles Harrison writes).

The evacuation was ordered after the shooting of a US Embassy official, and warnings of further attacks.

Libya support

Delhi — The Non-aligned Movement plans to send a team of foreign ministers to Libya shortly to give a public demonstration of solidarity with the Gaddafi regime.

Flag protest

Accra (Reuters) — Ghanaians tore the British flag from the High Commission building in Accra and burned effigies of Mrs Thatcher.

Talks off

Delhi (Reuters) — Vietnam has called off talks with the US on missing American servicemen until its attacks end on Libya, the Foreign Minister, Nguyen Co Thach, said here.

Italy sets up Tripoli air bridge

From John Earle Rome

The Italian Government is arranging an immediate "air bridge" to Libya with the national airline Alitalia to evacuate Italian citizens who want to leave, Signor Claudio Signorile, the Minister of Transport, said yesterday.

Libya had given its authorization, he added, but there had been some resistance from pilots against flying over the area of recent fighting.

Italy, which represents British interests in Libya, is understood to be in touch with London about the possible evacuation of British subjects, but a British Embassy official here said the policy was still to advise Britons in Tripoli to stay at home and keep in touch by telephone with the Italian Embassy there.

The British community in Libya is reported to number about 5,000. There are 8,200 Italians.

UN debate exposes extent of Gaddafi's isolation

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Sir John Thomson, the British Ambassador to the United Nations, has delivered a spirited defence of the US raids on Libya and has joined the entire UN membership to shun Colonel Gaddafi, who, he said, was seeking to drape his nefarious activities in the colours of Arab and Palestinian nationalism.

Sir John told the Security Council that terrorism, whatever its political origins, must be treated as an act of common murder.

"None should act as if they were his accomplices," he said, referring to countries which, either by their silence or through their condemnation of the American action, allowed Colonel Gaddafi to adopt an heroic and arrogant posture.

The British made their intervention on the fourth day of a council debate in which the US and Libya have engaged in rancorous verbal jousting. The rest of the international community has

responded in more subdued tones, illuminating what diplomats said was at best a fundamental ambivalence to the Gaddafi regime.

The general feeling in the council chamber is that the US action was imprudent and unseemly for a superpower, but that Libya had brought American wrath upon itself.

Mr. Clovis Malsoud, the Arab League representative, made a statement significant for its failure to champion the Libyan cause, saying only that the "act of aggression . . . was not necessary."

Earlier in the debate, General Vernon Walters, the US representative, rebutting Libyan charges that the Reagan Administration had resorted to state terrorism in its strikes near Tripoli and Benghazi, said it was hypocrisy "to equate the answer to terrorism with terrorism."

Libya in turn challenged the US argument that its forces had acted in self-defence under the appropriate provision

of the UN Charter, and called the raids savage and barbaric. But had Libya, in requesting the council meeting, expected to prompt a groundswell of anti-American sentiment, it was undoubtedly disappointed.

Indeed, America's European allies seemed more disturbed by the raid than a good portion of the Third World, where diplomats said Libya's isolation was glaringly apparent.

A draft resolution on Thursday sought to condemn both the strikes and the terrorist actions which provoked them, but the measure was still too strong in its censure of the US to secure the minimum nine votes needed for passage.

Sir John said that no one doubted the seriousness with which the US "rightly regarded the threat of Libyan terrorism."

"Nearly everyone thinks Colonel Gaddafi abominable, but not everyone is prepared to say so."



Sir John Thomson addressing the UN Security Council.

US buoys up Hawke on Anzus

From Mohsin Ali Washington

President Reagan has assured Mr. Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, that the US regards his country as a responsible Anzus ally, an important trading partner and a trusted friend.

The President, in White House talks with Mr. Hawke on Thursday, also expressed the hope that New Zealand would soon return to its "traditional role as a responsible member of the Anzus (Australia, New Zealand, United States) alliance."

He said that he would regret it greatly if New Zealand declined to take actions that would permit restoration of "our normal collaboration and preservation of our special relationship as allies."

"Whatever New Zealand's decision, however, I have told Prime Minister Hawke that our commitment to Australia under Anzus is firm."

New Zealand's role in Anzus and its ties with the US have been damaged severely by its Labour Government's refusal to allow visits by warships carrying nuclear weapons.

Mr. Hawke spoke of "our frustrations with a market loss that has been brought about by huge European Community agricultural export subsidies."

The Australian Prime Minister was leaving for London last night for talks

Lisbon TV workers to be rehired

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

The Portuguese Supreme Court has decreed that 22 workers dismissed 10 years ago from state television for political reasons must be reinstated.

"They must also be reimbursed fully for the wages they lost during that time. These are estimated at about £890,000, which would put a severe strain on the already financially ailing state television company."

The dismissed people, who include a dozen or more members of the Communist Party and its sympathisers, were accused of having taken part in an attempted radical left military uprising on November 25, 1975.

The uprising was put down by moderate officers headed by General Ramalho Eanes, who was later elected to two terms as president.

The workers, who included three newscasters and several heads of department, were accused of having placed the station at the disposal of the radicals during the uprising. They were dismissed.

The accused claimed that the station was occupied by the armed forces and that the radical news bulletins were broadcast by a military officer. The court ruled in their favour for lack of evidence. It is unconstitutional to dismiss anyone for political reasons.

Daughter of Stalin renounces Soviet citizenship

Svetlana's love for the US

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Svetlana Alliluyeva, the daughter of Joseph Stalin who returned quietly to America on Wednesday, says that she had to leave her adopted country for a while to realize, "Oh, my God. How wonderful it is."

She retains her US citizenship. Her American-born daughter, Olga Peters, aged 14, returned to school in England on Tuesday.

Miss Alliluyeva, aged 60, said that both she and Olga had already renounced the Soviet citizenship she was forced to take up when they arrived in Moscow in October 1984.

"After this visit, I don't believe any more that I belong to both countries," she said. "I know that the people who care for me are in America."

She was interviewed by a journalist from The Washington Post at a friend's house in a mid-

western state on Thursday. The interview was published yesterday.

Miss Alliluyeva said that personal efforts by Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, helped her to leave the Soviet Union with her daughter. But the vital assistance came from the US Consulate in Moscow, which had made her and Olga understand that, as American citizens, they had rights and that they could leave.

She defected to the US in 1967 but returned to the Soviet Union later, complaining about life in America. She said in the interview that living in the Soviet Union had disillusioned her.

She found the country much changed. People were "terribly embarrassed and afraid" to be friends with her.

Miss Alliluyeva added: "I disliked Moscow tremendously. . . I didn't feel at all that I was born there."

She found life in Georgia, Stalin's native state, much harder than she expected. She was so upset that she was briefly in hospital with a heart condition.

She wrote her first letter to Mr. Gorbachev in December, saying that "our family circle doesn't need us" and adding: "Therefore the reason of our coming isn't really there. So please let us out."

Miss Alliluyeva spoke frankly on Thursday about the press conference she gave in Moscow when she arrived in October 1984, in which, she said, she was the CIA's pet dog and had not had a single free day in 17 years.

"I wanted to talk and answer questions. They wanted certain things to be there. They made me write texts in Russian, which they all approved. I felt very awkward. I wanted to say simply, 'I came to join my children'."

America awards its journalistic knighthoods

From Trevor Fishlock New York

The Pulitzer Prize is the knight of the writing trade in America. The very name attaches itself to its winners like a sticky label and guarantees them first the glow of acclaim and, in the fullness of time, the larger obituary.

The winners in the 70th year of the prize were dubbed yesterday, receiving due glory and \$1,000 which, for some, helps to offset the celebratory drinks.

Sixteen Pulitzer Prizes are awarded annually, eight for newspaper reporting and others for criticism, cartoons, history, biography, poetry, fiction and music. They were instituted by Joseph Pulitzer, the Hungarian-born newspaper magnate who was a pio-

neer of sensationalism in American journalism.

He was a master of circulation-boosting, scare headlines, sex and scandals, exposés and crusades. His sordid and bitter circulation battle with William Randolph Hearst was a catalyst in the Spanish-American war.

In the rivalry lay the origin of the term "Yellow Press", after the comic strip "The Yellow Kid" which was a circulation booster on Mr. Pulitzer's New York World.

Mr. Pulitzer also ran famous campaigns, including the one which led to the building of a plinth for the Statue of Liberty, 100 years old this year.

After his warmongering and sensationalist period, Mr. Pulitzer became a more responsible and respectable proprietor.

In 1903 he endowed Columbia University with a fund to establish prizes "for the encouragement of public service, public morals, American literature and the advancement of education". The prizes were first awarded in 1915, six years after his death.

The Pulitzer Prize carry great prestige and are almost always a boost to the winner's career. John Kennedy's Pulitzer in 1957 for his book, Profiles in Courage, gave impetus to his campaign to win the presidential nomination.

The prizes have always reflected a certain courage in American journalism and the serious role that the press sees for itself under the Constitution. They are awarded regularly for investigations and exposures of racism, official

Disease threat to refugees

Oxford gave a warning yesterday of an imminent outbreak of disease among Ethiopian refugees in Somalia as growing numbers flee across the border (Reuters reports). It forecast a "major human disaster" within weeks.

Up to 60,000 Ethiopian refugees were crowded into unsuitable camps at Togwajaleh in north-west Somalia, Oxford said. The situation was worsening with the arrival of 4,000-5,000 people every week.

"They face a desperate shortage of water for drinking, cooking, washing and for sanitation. Unless they are quickly moved to more suitable camps there are serious dangers of epidemics, including cholera," it said.

Drinking water had to be brought by lorries from wells 18 miles away, but the seasonal rains threatened to cut off Togwajaleh.

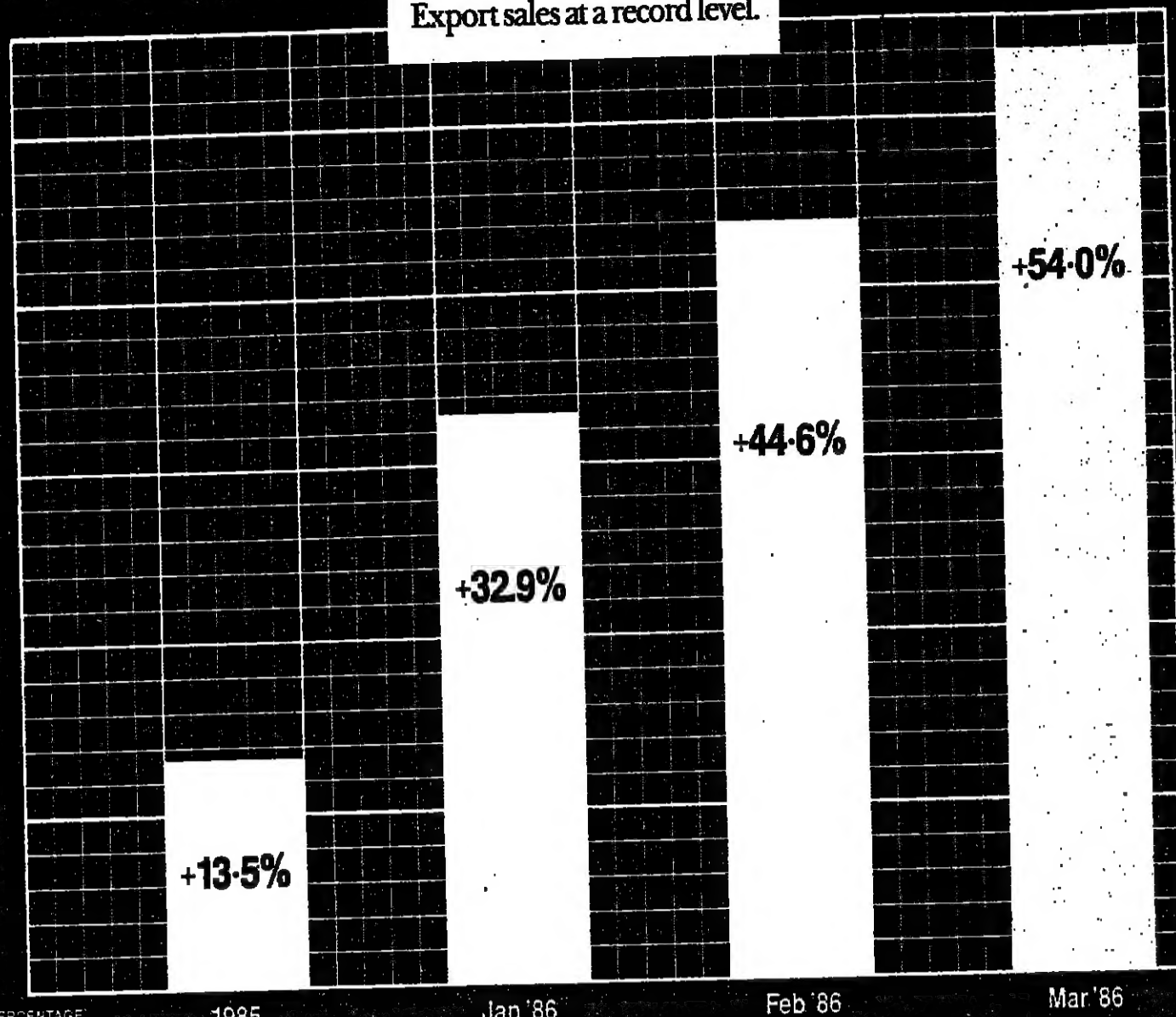
Bank of Scotland Base Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that, with effect from 21st April, 1986 its Base Rate will be decreased from 11.00% per annum to 10.50% per annum

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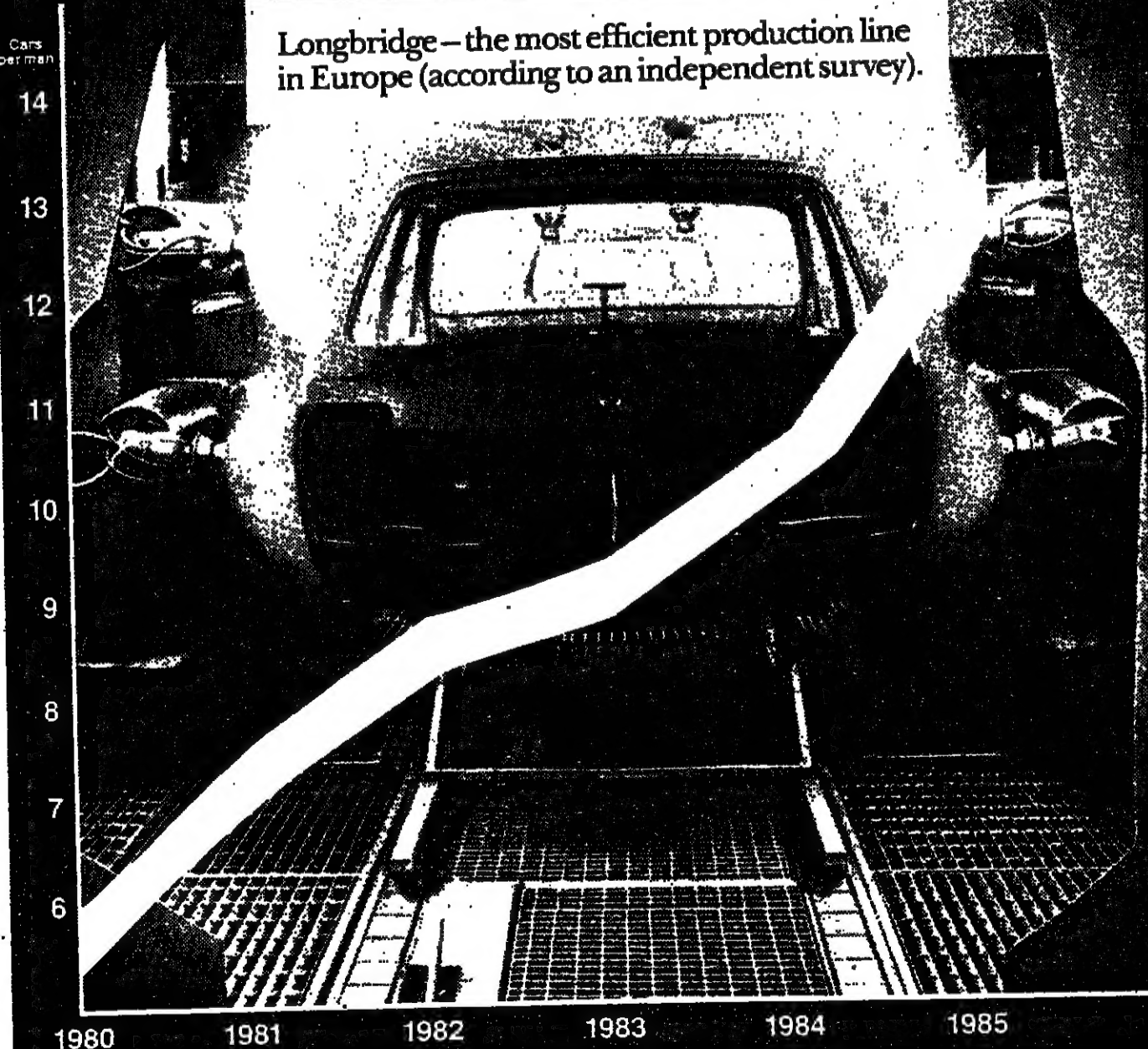
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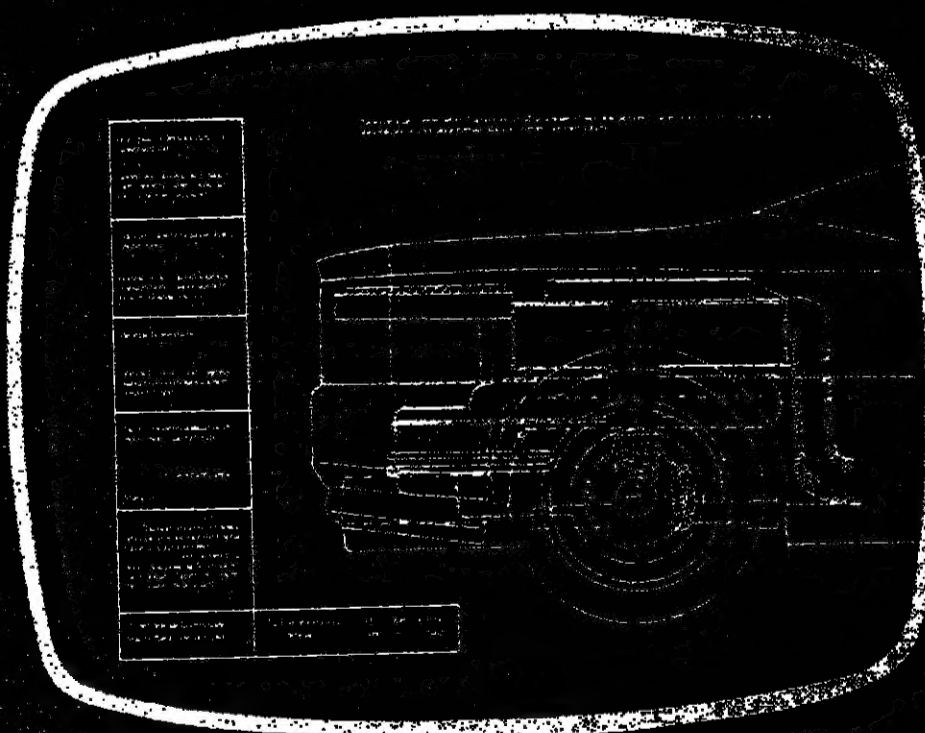
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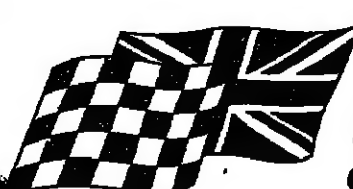
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Mugabe plans change in constitution to do away with white seats

From Jan Raath, Harare

Constitutional changes ending entrenched white parliamentary representation in Zimbabwe will be made in the next 12 months, the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, has told the nation.

In a televised broadcast on the eve of the sixth anniversary of independence, he said: "Racial representation in Parliament will just have to go. The phenomenon of racially superior and inferior citizens is repulsive to our concept of democracy."

He referred not only to the change in the Lancaster House constitution which guarantees 20 seats for white MPs in the House of Assembly, but also to provisions requiring the unanimous assent of the House to make such changes.

He added, however, that the changes would "not abandon the ideals of democracy and the fundamental liberties for which we struggled so hard".

Mr Mugabe also took the

opportunity to attack the outburst of tribalism in his Zanu (PF) Party's leadership that led last week to the dismissal of the Politburo of Dr Herbert Ushewokunze, the national political commissar.

The country "would not brook" individuals in the party leadership "who seek to use tribal appeal for self-aggrandisement", he said.

He said that the talks between Zanu (PF) and Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu party were still on course. But he made clear that such unity could only be "within the forum of my party".

The Government also announced yesterday the second five-year economic development plan, which puts emphasis on both socialist and private-sector strategies. It has been given a cautious welcome by economists for its proposed remedies for the economy.

It aims at a moderate average annual growth of about 5 per cent a year, the slashing of foreign debts and the budget deficit, and considerable Government investment in the productive sectors.

The first five-year plan, launched in 1981, was criticised for being highly unrealistic. It was left in tatters by three years of drought, the world economic recession and unrest in Matabeleland.

In a foreword to the new plan, Mr Mugabe describes it as "a key instrument in the continuing transformation of our society from the old order to a socialist society."

It envisages a gradual increase in state control of strategic private industries. A substantial private sector would be allowed to continue, but within state objectives.

Pretoria blame for Sharpeville unrest

From Michael Horneby, Cape Town

The South Africa Government has been blamed in an official inquiry for the unrest in Sharpeville and other black townships along the Vaal River in September 1984 which precipitated country-wide violence that has claimed more than 1,300 lives.

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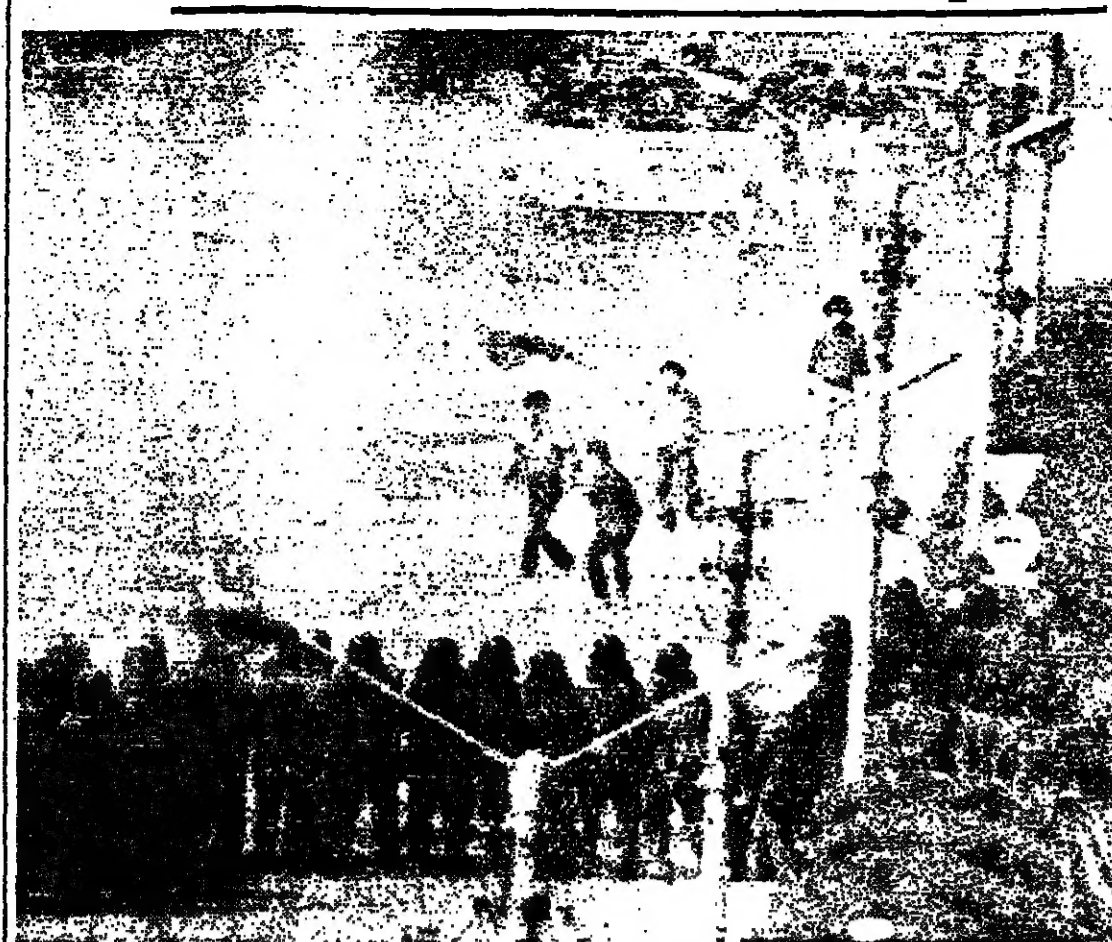
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Seoul students in battle with police



South Korean students demanding President Chun's resignation hurled petrol bombs and stones in a running battle with riot police in Seoul yesterday.

Police fired tear gas to disperse the students, who were demonstrating on the eve of the anniversary of the 1960 student

uprising that toppled Syngman Rhee, South Korea's first President (Reuters reports).

About 4,000 students from Korea University took part in a six-mile protest run which ended at a memorial to the uprising. Witnesses said that another 2,000 students clashed with hundreds of

police at other universities. The main opposition New Korea Democratic Party is to hold a major rally in Taejeon today.

Brussels: President Chun flew home at the end of a 12-day European tour, which took him to London, Bonn and Paris and then Belgium.

Gorbachov proposes troop cuts and on-site inspection

From Roger Boyes, East Berlin

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday put forward what he described as serious proposals to cut conventional troops from the Atlantic to the Urals, and offered the possibility of on-site inspection. It was a gesture apparently intended to show that East-West relations have not been completely fractured by the US attack on Libya.

The offer, surprising though vague, was presented by Mr Gorbachov at the East German Communist Party congress in the Kremlin leader's first major speech since the Libyan crisis. The tone of his speech, though sharply critical of the Reagan Administration and its supporters in Europe, was aimed at trying to lower the international temperature.

The raid on Libya was mentioned alongside the continuation of US nuclear tests and American support for the Nicaraguan Contras as just one example of how Washington was trying to undermine the "spirit of Geneva".

Soviet-American relations, and East-West dialogue in general, could not, he said, be isolated from American action elsewhere in the world. "In Washington, in the European

capitals, one must be clear that such actions will do direct damage to US-Soviet and East-West dialogue."

But Moscow, he declared, was still concerned to stretch out its hand rather than to present a clenched fist.

The arms control offer — described by Western analysts yesterday as a "new impulse rather than a fully-fledged new proposal" — contains some concessions on verification.

The USSR proposes substantial reduction of all components of land forces and tactical aircraft based in Europe, including the relevant parts of American and Canadian forces deployed there.

The military units should be dissolved and their armaments either destroyed or put into storage on their national territories. The scope of the reductions must obviously cover the whole of Europe, from the Atlantic to the Urals," he said.

Verification could be guaranteed by "national technical" means and international inspection, including, if necessary, on-site inspection, he said. "In short, this is a serious negotiation offer."

Moscow was also about to make new proposals aimed at

securing an agreement banning chemical weapons, he told the congress.

The East Germans listened intently to the speech for clues as to whether the Kremlin now approves of a trip to Bonn by the East German leader, Herr Erich Honecker.

For ordinary East Germans such a summit holds out the promise of better travel conditions. The signals, however, were confused.

"It is impossible to detect the logic in West German politics," Mr Gorbachov said. But despite the presence of American missiles in West Germany and Bonn's support for the Star Wars programme, Moscow was still prepared to develop "mutually advantageous relations" with Bonn.

This last hint has been interpreted by some West German analysts as the Soviet go-ahead for a cautious, unblinkered summit meeting between East and West Germany, East European sources even speculate that the Soviet leader is preparing the way for a trip to Bonn himself.

Despite its support of the US attack on Libya, Britain came in for no serious criticism.

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Finnish president 'strike-breaker'

Helsinki (Reuters) — The strike-hit Helsinki airport re-opened yesterday as a union leader accused President Koivisto of being involved in strike-breaking by landing there with non-union help.

The airport was closed two weeks ago by a pay strike by 42,000 state workers which disrupted other public services around Helsinki and spread to the rest of the

country two days ago. President Koivisto landed at the airport with the help of non-union labour when he returned yesterday from a visit to Yugoslavia.

"The President is the first person to land at an airport which is being kept open with scab labour," Mr Keijo Rantala, the strikers' leader, is quoted as saying.

The strike has also closed

railways, and the authorities are looking at ways of reopening traffic with the Soviet Union to reduce damage to Finnish-Soviet trade. 80 per cent of which is transported by rail.

Building workers in the south joined the strike yesterday and electrical workers threatened to extend their stoppage to nuclear power stations on Tuesday.

Relaxed monarchy wins Spanish hearts

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia, who began a three-day state visit to Britain on Tuesday, are a remarkable couple who have contributed fundamentally to the new democratic Spain they will be representing.

Their 10-year-old reign has helped to create Spain's successful parliamentary democracy. To achieve this, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia have forged a new style of popular monarchy for a country epitomised in the past as having had etiquette-ridden, stuffy and remote monarchies. It is this style which has captured the imagination of millions of Spaniards.

Informality is its essence, and very much the conscious creation of the King and Queen. It is undoubtedly based on the 48-year-old King's robust common sense, his open and strikingly frank manner in all personal dealings, and in the royal couple's disciplined effort to adapt a monarchy to contemporary needs and feelings about such an institution.

Behind the informality, however, the King and Queen are hard-working professionals. They have learned valuable lessons from their task of restoring a monarchy after the death of the dictator Franco in November 1975 when, apart from a tiny minority of ageing monarchists, the Spanish people were at best completely indifferent.

After a 44-year break, which began when the King's grandfather, Alfonso XIII, suddenly abdicated and ushered in the Second Republic, King Juan Carlos and his wife, a former

Greek princess, had to improve. This, they sensed, had its advantages, relieving them of some of the clutter of protocol and ritual of the older-established monarchies. They have put back only what they thought the former King would like, and this is where they have synchronised outstandingly with the freer social ways of post-Franco Spain.

On a royal tour within Spain itself, the King usually moves

about surrounded by about 50 people, among them dignitaries, journalists, worried security men — and ordinary Spaniards who believe they have a perfect right to shake his hand.

The royal household is small — fewer than 50 all told — with a former Civil Guardsman doing all cooking for other than state occasions.

The Queen has no ladies-in-waiting (and recently refused the offer of one) and the couple have lived in the Zarzuela Palace, a former royal hunting lodge about 30 minutes' drive outside Madrid, all their married life. It is surrounded by a park with deer and wild boar and is good for bird-watching.

After 40 years in exile the Spanish royal family is not rich. Something which strikes any Briton about the new monarchy is the absence of a supportive aristocracy. There are a few aristocrats on the King's personal staff, but most of Spain's ancient nobility is either critical or goes its own way.

One of the lessons which the royal family, mediating in exile,

drawn from Alfonso XIII's reign was that it had been by the aristocracy to further its own self-interest.

The British and Spanish royal families are personally very close: the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia are all descended from Queen Victoria. "My cousins," says the King when making a general reference to heads of Europe's crowned

heads.

Even in royal circles success is important, and King Juan Carlos's reputation shot up after his almost single-handed rescue of Spain's new democracy after the 1981 coup attempt.

Security has restricted the couple's life severely in recent years. But to keep contact the King sometimes dines out in Madrid restaurants and also meets regularly outside the palace with a group of professional and business people who were his contemporaries at Complutense University in Madrid.

The Queen, a keen musician, also appears unexpectedly at concerts.

Both visited Britain privately several times, the King for the first time at the age of nine in 1947 when he was brought to London by his grandmother living in exile.

The Queen, who a few years ago opened a Murillo exhibition in London, has often attended family occasions and once shipped out to join a bus queue and go on a tourists' London sightseeing tour.

The royal couple speak good English: it was the language they had to use when they first met, because the Queen did not know Spanish.



STATE VISIT OF SPAIN'S KING AND QUEEN

Italians expel Syrian envoys

Rome (UPI) — Police acting on a tip from the Drug Enforcement Agency yesterday recommended the expulsion of three Syrian Embassy officials for using diplomatic immunity to smuggle drugs.

The three, who were not named, brought several hundred pounds of heroin into Italy over five months. It was hidden in the false bottoms of cars driven across the Yugoslav frontier or transported aboard ships from Greece.

Officers arrested 15 other people, including three other Syrians, three Egyptians and several Italians, on charges of being part of a heroin gang.

Battle closes university

Dhaka — An agricultural university at Mymensingh in central Bangladesh has been closed for two months after a gun battle between pro and anti-election activists in which 17 students were wounded (Ahmed Fazi writes).

Rival student groups are campaigning for and against the parliamentary election scheduled for May 7.

Accidents kill 27 Indians

Delhi (AP) — At least 16 people drowned when their boat capsized in the Beas river in Himachal Pradesh state. Five survived.

In southern Karnataka state, 11 people were killed and four were injured when a lorry in which they were travelling hit a culvert.

Bar killing

Bilbao (Reuters) — Señor Daniel Zorrutua, a 33-year-old Bilbao bar owner, has been shot dead. Police have detained his partner.

Hirohito gold

Tokyo (Reuters) — A gold coin minted to mark the 60th anniversary of Emperor Hirohito's reign could help to cut Japan's trade surplus, bullion dealers said. It will be issued in November.

Home at last

Jakarta (Reuters) — The International Red Cross is repatriating about 400 former Portuguese civil servants and their families from East Timor 11 years after Indonesia annexed the colony.

Sea power

Tokyo (AFP) — The official Metal and Mining agency here has completed what it claims is the world's first test plan to promote research on recovery of uranium from seawater.

Fiji floods

Suva (AFP) — At least six people died, several are missing and scores injured in floods and landslides around the Fijian capital after torrential rains.

Black marks

Los Angeles (UPI) — Two former University of Southern California students and a man who worked in the records office have been charged with breaking into the university's computer and changing grades for fees up to \$2,000.

Puppet time

Osaka (AFP) — More than 100 puppeteers from eight countries are to take part in an international festival here next week.

Off the road

Kampala (AFP) — The Uganda Government has imposed a 10 pm to 7 am curfew on all motor traffic in its efforts to check vehicle theft in the capital.

Barclays Bank Base Rate.

Barclays Bank PLC and Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited announce that with effect from 21st April 1986 their Base Rate will be decreased from 11% to 10½%.



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SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Caught in the wake

The Australians are being just the slightest bit unbearable about the America's Cup. At a recent lunch their top yachting men assessed the chances of all those who will have their hats in the ring and — shock, horror — they made the Australian Alan Bond syndicate the top boat with 70.8 marks out of 80, narrowly ahead of the leading American contender, The Royal Thames Yacht Club entry, Crusader, was way down the table with 55.6.

Marks were awarded in various categories and then totted up. Here they are, with British marks first and the Australian marks in brackets: Administration 5.6 (9); Hull and Keel 7.8 (8.8); Sails 6.6 (9); Skipper 8 (9); Crew 7.6 (8.6); Computer 6.2 (8.8); Motivation 8 (9); Business acumen 5.8 (9). The last mark seems a bit rough, the British committee raised the money — £3 million — for their challenge by selling shares in their syndicate on the Unlisted Securities Market and under the Business Expansion Scheme. I would have thought that rated at least 9.5 for enterprise.

Choppy

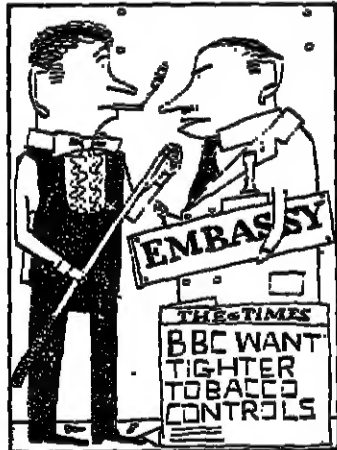
If marks had been awarded for foresight, St Francis, a yacht from the west coast of America, would probably have finished with a minus score. All America's Cup entries must be built to Lloyd's rules, but the St Francis people were in such a hurry to get their boat finished in time for the launch party that they forgot to get Lloyd's to check the welding. When Lloyd's were finally called in they had to do the checking by X-ray, and promptly failed 70 per cent of the work. All the paint and filler had to be scraped off the welding redone, and the finish reapplied. When the work had been done it was found that the boat did not meet the required measurements, so the bow was chopped off and a new one stuck on. All this monkeying about has distorted the boat and affected the handling. It is, as the yachting chaps say, "an absolute dog".

For unintentional irony, South Africa leads the world. Its Ragby Board has just announced "Let us forget the trials, tribulations and disappointments of 1985. Only time will tell what the year ahead has in store for us at international level." Quite.

EEC XI

Not everyone knows that this is the tenth anniversary season of the Optimists Cricket Club of Luxembourg. In what are, to say the least, unpromising circumstances, the Optimists have 50 active members, play every weekend of the season against opponents from all over Britain and have a handy junior section. So handy, in fact, that they have managed to get cricket on to the curriculum at their local school.

BARRY FANTONI



"Perhaps you could just cough regularly..."

Knott out

Alan Knott, that great wicket keeper and snapper-up of unconsidered trifles, retired at the end of last season. No, he says, definitely not and no way, will he play any cricket whatsoever next season. As he develops his business interests, he says he will miss "only certain parts" of a professional cricketer's life. He may decide to coach in September — but even that is highly uncertain.

Hit and miss

Today Great Britain play their first women's rugby international against the ferocious *femmes* of France. Despite the intimidating thought of playing such names as Marie-Paule Gracieux and Christelle Henry, the British are in bullish mood for their match, which will be at Richmond Athletic Ground at noon. "The bad weather could help us," said Tricia Moore, a dressing forward from Finchley. "Frenchmen hate soggy pitches, and I hear the women are the same."

Jump to it

The Tote is running a book on the Badminton Three Day Event, which goes into the cross country phase today. Favourite at the off was 6-1 Night Cap (Ginny Leng, nee Holgate); 7-1 Michaelmas Day (Mark Todd); 10-1 J J Babu (Bruce Davidson); Shannagh (Lucinda Green) and Sir Wattle (Ian Stark). I'll put my shirt on Lucinda.

Through the heat and dust of the prison officers' dispute a sharp change in policy can be discerned, taking the Home Office back in a circle to the early days of Willie Whitelaw's tenure as Home Secretary and possibly beyond.

The Home Secretaryship of Leon Brittan, 1983-85, is starting to look like a rather unfortunate interlude, with the true colours of Conservative penal policy worn by the mild (and ecclesiastic) Lord Whitelaw and the emotionism (and ecclesiastic) Douglas Hurd.

If leaders of the Prison Officers' Association take up their members' mandate and call industrial action, Hurd will — literally — open the prison doors. The contingency plan is to release possibly several thousand prisoners convicted of non-violent offences. The aim will be to make the prisons more manageable, less vulnerable to disruptive action by the POA. It will be presented as an emergency measure but will signal a permanent change. Many of those released will not return.

"We need to make further efforts to persuade the courts that there are alternatives to custody," Hurd told the Commons on Thursday. An heretical thought for a government committed to law and order. He is urging the criminal justice system to reconsider community service, more probation, greater use of fines.

At the very least here is a change of tone. Letting prisoners out of jail sits uneasily with the recent hard speeches by Norman Tebbit on crime and perversiveness. The association, so often made, between rising crime and harsh sentences is about to be definitively broken. Quite apart from

David Walker outlines an unexpected likely result of the warders' industrial dispute

Why prison sentences face a full stop

anything else, this episode will sharpen the submerged rivalry between two contenders for the succession to Mrs Thatcher.

The context of the dispute is financial and managerial. One of Mrs Thatcher's achievements has been to instil into the public sector the need better to relate inputs of public money and outputs of service, whether in education, housing or general administration. But, until now, the government has trodden gingerly in applying the maxim to its favoured public servants — police, firemen, and prison officers. The efficiency of the police, and the odd connexion between increasing numbers of police officers and rising crime rates, has been dangerous territory, even for Treasury ministers otherwise fearless in their pursuit of value for money.

The Home Office has not exactly provided a ready home for efficiency scrutineers. But sooner or later the costs and benefits of the

prison service would have attracted the managerialists. It has come sooner, because Leon Brittan wrote a very expensive blank cheque.

Under his aegis prison doors were opened to all comers. The courts were encouraged to follow their own bent in sentencing and the number of admissions to prison leapt — last year by 10,000 over 1984. The average annual prison population is now a record 47,000-plus.

The Brittan response to rising numbers was to build. But new building has done nothing to cut the high unit costs of imprisonment. Here is where the efficiency scrutineers come in. Not only are there more prisoners to maintain but the maintenance of each has become more expensive. It has long been clear that prison costs are due to staff costs, and they are unacceptably high because of the way the prisons are managed. Prisons are a cynosure of the

British industrial disease of excessive overtime. In many jails, changes in manning are subject to a POA veto.

To try to stem the rise in costs, Chris Train, director general of the Prison Service, has tried to give each prison an individual cash limit. End of overtime; beginning of dispute.

The government now has a choice. It will of course attempt, over the longer run, to cap prison costs, and a showdown with the prison officers might help (though the strike could be politically damaging and there will be pressure in the Cabinet to buy off the discontent). In the short run, Hurd will have to consider measures to cut the prison population.

Here the liberal critics and the financial hawks come together. If prisons cannot be run cheaply and efficiently, say the hawks, then alternatives must be found. Prison is a cruel and unusual punishment, say the liberal liberals, and for a large category of crimes there are alternative ways of punishing. Whoever Hurd listens to, he has no choice but to concede part of the prison reform agenda. The *Sentence of the Court*, a sentencing manual in abeyance for five years which puts emphasis on financial penalties and non-custodial options. He has already begun making the sort of speech discouraging prison sentences which is intended to be duly taken down by magistrates and Crown Court recorders and used in evidence when they come to the end of a trial. Efforts will be made to keep up pressure — the word "tough" will figure mightily in speeches. But prison reform has arrived, albeit by the back door.

Andrew Gimson meets some thrusting, new-style Tory women

Hatless to the very heights

"High-flying women are still thin on the ground," Miss Emma Nicholson informed me. We were at the Tory party's High Flier Conference at the Barbican. Apart from myself — and I had been invited strictly as an observer — the 300 assembled high fliers were all women.

"How do you become a high flying woman?" I timidly asked one of them. "Strong wings," she briskly replied.

I turned to Miss Nicholson for enlightenment. Her full title is "Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party with responsibility for women."

"This is my exercise in elitism," she explained. "These are exceptional women. Most exceptional women tend to be in the Tory party."

Perhaps some of them joined the SDP? I hazarded.

"Very few women in the Alliance are genuine achievers," Miss Nicholson said sternly. "They tend to be media women. This conference is not just a fun day. It's a day for serious work."

And work was the word I heard most often from the high flying women, most of whom were under 40. "The new Tory women aren't Ascot-going. They are hard-working. I think the new Tory men are the same," said the first high flier I encountered. I saw from her expression that she had realized I would never make a new Tory man.

As if to reinforce the point, the next high flier I met, the managing director of Daryl Industries Limited, told me, quite modestly, that she "works extremely hard." She had left school in Tooting at the age of 16 and is now, at the age of 37, managing director of a firm making shower units in Wallasey, employing 70 people. "Hard work doesn't bother me," she patiently reiterated when I asked her how she had done it.

She had come to the conference at the invitation of her MP, Lynda Chalker, to see whether the Tory



party had acquired a different image from "broad-brimmed hats and 50-year-old ladies." If it had, she might be prepared to get involved.

It has. Only one head in 300 was adorned by a hat. "Is that the woman who wore a hat at Solihull," my neighbour asked in some vexation. She explained that, at a recent young women's conference at Solihull, only two women had worn hats, and that the only pictures which appeared in the press had been of those two women. How could the party acquire a new image if journalists were so determined to stick to the old stereotypes?

The new women in the Tory party, or the high fliers among them, devotedly wish to be hatless and indeed classless. "We want normal women," one delegate told

me. Another explained that the difference between men and women in politics was that women had to prove themselves. "We don't say, 'What school were you at?' I was at school with old Binkie."

A third delegate, surrounded by self-made industrialists, said sadly, if self-mockingly, of her chances of party advancement: "I've got too many connections. My grandmother was an MP."

A better name for this conference might well have been "The Ambitious Woman's Guide to Conservatism."

But some of these ambitious women did not realize why they had been invited, or know who could have given their names to Miss Nicholson. One was indignant at each general election she conscientiously, on a point of

principle with which I am in general sympathy, put a line through all the candidates on the ballot paper.

I had come out of curiosity. What a horrible risk she ran. The aim of inviting these political virgins was to seduce them. Let them fill the few waking hours of their lives which were not spent building their outstanding careers doing good work for the Conservative Party. The Conservative Party so wanted to hear what they thought about policy, and if they were very lucky they could become MPs.

Some of the women, I regret to say, have already fallen for this line. "I gave a political lunch with a speaker," said a beautiful biscuit manufacturer, "but everyone else talked nonsense! Of course, women, no more than men, should not be limited to conversational niceties, but both sexes become more dismal when they develop an obsessive desire to talk about politics." Of all parties, the Tory party ought not to be spreading this contagion and breaking down those healthy barriers of whist drives and wine and cheese parties that have so far kept most of Britain uncontaminated.

Norman Tebbit came after lunch to address the high fliers. John Moore of the Treasury having given them a disquisition on tax in the morning, "I'm not going to tell you how many miles it is from Suffolk to Tripoli by air," he said.

"But for my grandmother, he would never have been an MP," the girl who was being held back by her connections confided to me. "He was her association chairman."

Political women are not, it seems, new, but they have certainly changed since the days of Lady Davidson. After that, it was comforting to turn to a woman journalist, and find that some people still offer traditional advice to political women. "Marry someone rich," she was saying.

Geraldine Norman matches the records with the shipwreck treasure trove

New finds in the great china sale



Saena preview... part of Hatcher's porcelain haul before it was lifted from the bottom of the South China Sea

that we owe our precise knowledge of the ship's last hours.

In an extraordinary collaboration between Christian Jörg, the keeper of the Groninger Museum in Groningen, Netherlands, and Captain Michael Hatcher — who last year salvaged the major part of the ship's cargo — new life has been breathed into the meticulous records of the Dutch East India Company. Jörg has compiled a book matching up the booty raised from the sea-bed with the instructions sent out from Holland for loading the ship, the records of its trading activities in the East and the schedules of its cargo, crew and provisions for the voyage home.

Hatcher and his partner, Max de Rahm, have twice been back to the

wreck to search for items that Jörg predicted must be there. In January they brought him the ship's bell. Last month, in better weather, they returned to search for the private cargo which seemed, according to Jörg's researches, still to be missing. The Company had allowed its crews to bring back porcelain and other merchandise. The Geldermalsen was also carrying two big chests, one containing 12 and the other eight packages; their contents were not specified.

Using a suction pump, Hatcher and de Rahm dispersed five feet of sand, and unearthed 7,000 pieces. The Company had concentrated on the mass importation of cheaper porcelains, but special commissions and out-of-the-or-

dinary pieces were carried as private cargo. The latest finds include four porcelain groups of Tyrolean dancers copied in China from a Meissen group modelled by Kaendler. Christie's have produced a supplementary catalogue and most of the new material will be included in the Amsterdam auction. The main cargo was unearthed from a cocoon of tea. This was the most valuable commodity carried, 686,997 lb of it, representing 60 per cent of the cargo's value. There was also lacquer, spices, wood for European cabinet-makers and, of course, the gold, which was used for trading with India.

The porcelain loaded on to the Geldermalsen in 203 chests included 171 dinner services, 63,623 tea cups and saucers, 14,315 coffee cups and saucers, 1,452 soup plates, 299 cuspidors, 606 vomit pots, 75 fish bowls, 447 single dishes, 1,000 nests of round dishes, and 25,921 slop bowls. Hatcher has raised a substantial proportion of it.

The auction is expected to gross between £3 million and £4 million, a reflection of the enormous quantity on offer. Prices are expected to be quite modest. For Captain Hatcher it will be the biggest coup so far of an adventurous life. Brought up in Dr Barnardo's Homes, Hatcher was sent out to Australia to work on a Barnardo's farm. He made his first fortune selling barbecue equipment to the Australians, spent the proceeds sailing round the world, then made a second fortune salvaging Second World War wrecks in the South China Sea. In 1983, with a team of divers and sophisticated modern equipment, he salvaged the complete cargo of porcelain from a Chinese junk that had sunk in the 17th century. The sensation caused by its auction in Amsterdam set him on the tracks of the Geldermalsen. His next ambition is to raise the cargo of a Portuguese merchant ship.

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Andrew Warren

The gas man's other metier

A friend living in northern California has just sent me a leaflet that really does offer something for nothing. It was published by Pacific Gas and Electric, which provides heat and power to some three million homes and 500,000 commercial premises along the western coast of the U.S.

The leaflet — entitled *Zip Up Your Home* — offers, for the cost of a telephone call to the local P G & E office, a visit by an energy conservation specialist who would carry out an energy audit of the house and point out what should be done to reduce fuel bills.

After this free audit, assuming the customer had not defaulted on bills over the past year) it would be prepared to lend up to \$3,500 (around £2,500) to have the various conservation measures carried out. The customer would also be given a list of state-certified local contractors who could undertake the work. If he wanted to make any improvements himself, he could pick up some do-it-yourself instructions and guidelines from the P G & E office.

Indeed he would still be eligible for the loan even if he did not bother with the audit but decided for himself to adopt energy-saving measures (even such apparently outlandish items in British terms as floor insulation, clock thermostats or fluorescent lighting conversions, none of which is recognized in our building regulations as being necessary for new homes).

If you think the whole scheme is simply a way for P G & E to act as moneylenders, you could not be more wrong. For — and here is the big "something for nothing" aspect — the hard-arsed businessmen who run P G & E will lead the money totally free of charge. Hence the title of their campaign: ZIP, meaning Zero Interest Programme. All you do is pay back the initial capital sum on a monthly writing off payment against state and federal taxes. As a result, almost 10 per cent of the homes served by P G & E were audited last year.

Why this apparent altruism from a private corporation in California, the heartland of free market capitalism? The leaflet answers this question frankly: "It is simply more cost-effective for P G & E to continue serving customers with existing energy supplies. By encouraging energy conservation, P G & E can avoid buying costly fuel and constructing expensive power plants."

Curiously enough, the experience of this Californian company is not unique. The vast majority of

utilities in America are privately owned, so they must consider, when preparing investment plans, which one offers the best potential return to their shareholders.

To be fair, not every utility has rushed wholeheartedly into embracing the conservation cause. Some are still led by those whose chief delight in life is to create more and more supply sources (fortunately not often at public expense, unlike Britain). However, each US state has a public utility regulatory commission charged with safeguarding the customer's interests, since even the private corporation utility, once sanctioned, has a natural monopoly.

The commissions exist to ensure that the utilities make the most cost-effective investments, leading in the long run to the lowest electricity and gas costs and prices to the customer. It is these commissions which have ensured that public utilities keep their costs as low as possible and vigorously promote the most efficient use of energy.

They have no British equivalent, nor will they even when British Gas is privatized later this year. The reason is simple: Ofgas, the new regulatory authority proposed to oversee our gas company, will simply not have the requisite powers to ensure that such measures are carried out. Its powers are restricted exclusively to approving gas prices on a "cost plus" basis, with about half the eventual retail price decided unilaterally by the gas company, and the customer bearing the cost of any unnecessary purchase undertaken.

Before the Gas Bill left the Commons, its energy committee took the unprecedented step of formally tabling, as a body, (with only one abstainer out of 11) four amendments at the report stage. In essence these demanded greater transparency in the publishing of accounts to avoid internal cross-subsidization and required the supplier to promote efficient energy use.

Such issues not having quite the emotional clout of Sunday trading, and given the size of the government's majority, these amendments, not surprisingly, failed. However, the bill has now moved to the Lords, where even at the second reading markers were put down by several speakers that the amendments might rise again. Perhaps their Lordships have been receiving leaflets from Pacific Gas and Electric in California.

The author is director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy.

Philip Howard

Bringing Babel to book

Traduttore, traditore. Now versions sed everesions. Not versions but perversions, as that monolithic old bigot St Jerome said of Latin translations of the Bible before the Vulgate. The question this morning, sisters and brothers, is whether translation is possible. The answer is: "Yes, of course."

We spent our childhoods translating — English into French, Gibbon into Cicero, Shakespeare into Sophoclean iambs, *Daily Mirror* leaders into Tacitus, Dante into plonking English *terza rima*, and anything you want, sir. If you got it right, you were sent up for Good, and given a memento signed by the Head Man. If you got it wrong, you were given a Rip. Three Rips in a month and you were put on the Bill, and flogged. Yes, indeed, translation is possible, when one is put to it.

I never quite forgave George Steiner, that grand polyglot and intellectual, for devoting so many pages of *After Babel* to asking whether translation was possible, when at one level it clearly is.

At Babel the Lord did confound the language of all the earth. But since that time, with ingenuity, and waving of hands — and, if British, by speaking English very loudly and slowly with a foreign accent — we have contrived to make ourselves understood by foreigners.

Translation is high art, and a growth industry in the modern world. Its magic is not always recognized, though a good book page should always give the name of the translator as well as the author. That is why this morning the Institute of Translation is being inaugurated in London, to represent translators and their art.

Translators are the unsung engineers in the boiler-room of literature. From Erasmus to Harry Willets (the translator of *Sotz-nistoff*) they unlock doors far from those of us who do not speak the necessary languages. Sometimes they produce a work greater than its original. Some French say they prefer to read Proust in the Scott Moncrieff or Kilmartin versions. But I think this is an example of French snobism.

However, the 47 translators of the *Authorized Version*, drawing on Tyndale and Wycliffe, produced not only the most influential work in English, but also better literature than the original Hebrew, dog-Latin, and commercial travel-Greek. It is a handicap in life not to be able to read *Anna Karenina*, or *Die Leiden des jungen Werthers*, or Lucretius in the original. But at least we have

translations that are better than nothing.

And, of course, G. Steiner is right. In one sense translation is impossible; or rather, the only statements that can be translated exactly are exceedingly boring, such as that two plus two equals four, and "This is a cat." Most words in all languages have his-



Chris Warren

stories, and connotations, and echoes that are not repeated in the equivalent words in another language. Some authors translate better than others. Shakespeare translates badly into French. You have only to remember the attempts at *Othello* in French in *Les Enfants du Paradis* to see that this is so. Vice versa, recent productions on the London stage have demonstrated that the exquisitely correct Alexandrines of Racine simply don't go into English.

Most great writers, from Chaucer to Auden, have tried their pens at translating the untranslatable. Kipling scribbled his English versions in the margins of his Riccardi Press edition of Horace:

*I once was a joy to the Ladies.
But, now I am laid on the shelf.
I'd like to see Chloe get Hades
Before I descend there myself*

Not quite the curious felicity of the *Master and Margarita*. The *Pyrrha Ode* (Odes I, 5), is one of the most translated verses in literature. A book has been published of nothing but *Pyrrha* versions, from Milton (jolly bad) onwards. Some are real poetry. None is real Horace.

So although English is becoming the world language for everything from computers to compost regulations, the other languages of Babel must preserve their infinite variety to enrich us. For most of us that needs good translations. Floreat the new Institute of Translation: *il fleurira*.

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MEANWHILE

Amid all the drama of last week, delegations from 35 nations reassembled in Stockholm and Bern, perhaps easily aware that the responsibility for restoring confidence in the East-West dialogue rests, for the time being, with them. But they have less than six months and six weeks respectively in which to prove that such confidence has not been misplaced.

Both meetings stem from that benchmark in East-West relations, the Helsinki Final Act of 1975 — and its 1980-83 follow-up conference in Madrid. At Stockholm and Bern the onus will be upon the Soviet Union to prove that it is genuinely concerned to improve the international climate by agreeing to practical measures which would enlarge physical freedom and encourage more peace of mind among people on either side of Europe. But the chances that the two conferences will achieve anything more than a crop of fresh rhetoric are not entirely equal.

At the Bern conference on human contacts, which is the third East-West meeting on human rights within less than a year, the West will be putting to the test Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's recent hint (in his speech to the Soviet party congress) of a more relaxed approach to issues like marriage and the reunification of families from inside and outside the Soviet bloc. But that speech was two months ago and there has been no further suggestion that his fine words might be translated into fine deeds.

By the end of May when the Bern group is due to break up, Western delegates will have good cause to celebrate if they emerge with much more than the promise of more East-West sport, more visits to Red Square by courtesy of Intourist and polite, controlled contacts between youth organisations.

The prospects are slightly brighter in Stockholm at the Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE). The title is misleading because the emphasis at CDE is not so much on doing away with armaments as on learning how to live with those already in place. But Mr Gorbachev's speech to the East Germans yesterday implied a readiness to move forward on con-

ventional arms control generally.

The Helsinki Final Act included a series of so-called confidence-building measures (CBMs) between Nato and the Warsaw Pact, under which the participating countries — from Europe, Canada and the United States — agreed to notify each other 21 days in advance of any military manoeuvres involving more than 25,000 men. They also agreed to invite observers from the other countries to watch them.

The provisions were voluntary and the Soviet Union's observance of them has been less than scrupulous. No verification procedures were laid down. Nor was European Russia covered by the measures.

But a modest start had been made. A code of behaviour by which governments could be judged had been established. That is the job now under way at Stockholm.

The Russians started by opposing the Western call for improved CBMs on the Helsinki model — which they saw as a sly attempt by Nato to spy on the Warsaw Pact's military. Instead they wanted the CDE to concentrate on a number of declaratory statements on the "no first use" of nuclear weapons, the establishment of nuclear-free zones and the non-use of force. But the East-West climate just after the deployment of cruise missiles at Greenham Common and the breakdown of the Geneva talks was not conducive to a fruitful start.

More than two years and two Soviet leaders later, enough has changed to make an agreement at CDE seem a more realistic possibility. The Russians have dropped most of their declaratory demands, except that on the non-use of force — which the Western powers are willing to accept. On the other hand the Soviets have started to talk seriously about the kind of CBMs that the Western powers have in mind.

It is so rare to see progress being made at arms control negotiations these days, that some commentators have allowed their optimism to run away with them. The Nato powers want notification 45 days in advance of all troop movements involving more

than 6,000 men. The Soviets are conceding only 30 days notice and a minimum of 20,000 men. The Russians also want CBMs to include air and naval movements which would mean prior notification of allied ship and aircraft in the Atlantic. The West says these should be included only when taking part in combined force exercises on the continent.

The Warsaw Pact powers are unhappy about committing themselves to a regular exchange of information about the disposition of their forces. And while they are happy to refer in public to the possibility of on-site verification, they remain reluctant to commit themselves to this at the negotiating table. So significant differences remain.

On the other hand, the gaps between the two positions look bridgeable. Procedural questions have all been settled and drafting has actually started on a final document.

A number of confidence-building agreements have been signed during the last twenty years — usually between the two superpowers. The Soviet-American Accidents Measures Agreement of 1971, the 1972 Incidents at Sea Agreement, the 1979 Salt-2 treaty which included notification of the more important ICBM tests and, most famous of them all, the "Hot Line" Agreement of 1963 — which was used to advantage during the Middle East War years later — have all contributed to better understanding between the powers in limited and specific areas.

The addition of an agreement which might help to reduce the risk of surprise attack and a short-warning war in Europe would be a genuine prize for East, West and the neutrals in between. On September 19 they are due to adjourn at Helsinki before reporting — along with the Bern delegates and those from Helsinki spin-off meetings — to a "mother" conference of the Final Act powers two months later in Vienna. Despite the latest clash between Moscow and Washington there are still grounds for hoping that at least one of this week's meetings can meet its deadline.

VIVE LA DIFFERENCE

Bloomsbury can offer no comparison. In their prime Sartre and de Beauvoir were Paris.

It was not only hot chocolate at La Coupole or dinner Chez Pierre. It was the Ecole Normale, the Boulevard Raspail, an endless giddy round of thought and writing, moving ceaselessly from Gallimard's office to the Théâtre des Mathurins (a Genet piece of course) then back to La Coupole to eat, drink and, of course, talk, talk, talk. This seriousness about the life of mind; this was a Gallic trait prized above all.

De Beauvoir's death this week, taken with the decease of (in Sartre's own phrase) the great literary pedagogue Jean Genet, ends the affair. In the Thatcherite eighties we British now take ideas, do we not, as solemnly as any Continental?

Sartre and de Beauvoir begin to appear in retrospect famous for their membership of a celebrated *ménage* as much as for their philosophy and novels. They had achieved, in this age of mass culture, star status on account of their life style.

For some de Beauvoir's death will evoke the 1950s when existentialism was fashionable; for others her passing will bring vague recollections of Sartre's peregrinations as an apologist for Soviet Communism. But above all her death ends a love

that was in several senses extraordinary. This was no *amour fou* yet there was a madness in it, for how else could love survive 50 years of dissection, parsing, querying, open display in a succession of books.

Yet, survive it did, and famously. For a philosopher of freedom to be commemorated in popular culture for his surrender to a woman is either a choice irony or another example of that Gallic taste which we simple Anglo-Saxons so often mistake for hypocrisy.

Sartre was always better known for aphorism and style than the elaborated philosophy of those epic works, *Being and Nothingness* and *Critique of Dialectical Reason*. The post war world has sustained a great number of intellectuals who, free and easy in their existentialism, never got beyond the third unfamiliar ground in the first of those tomes. The plays proved a useful crib.

De Beauvoir's literary fate will be different. In *The Prime of Life* she described how, early in their joint careers, she teetered on the brink of a most unwholesome dependence on her philosopher-lover. Yet despite the independence of her novels and her analyses of age and sex, de Beauvoir will live in the literary pantheon as his help-meet. She may end up better known than him for her descriptions of him.

be prohibited by their constitutions from spending their endowments. Of the other charities affected, many will think it imprudent or inappropriate to "spend" capital, considering this testamentary to giving away the family silver.

Many private indirect charities must therefore, it seems, reexamine themselves to paying tax. It is also proposed to tax private indirect charities on income which is not spent.

What is the official justification for these new taxes? The press release explains that they are imposed because "the present rules for charitable relief are being abused". If it is thought politically

expedient to tax all private indirect charities rather than close loopholes in the law exploited by the few, then it is to be hoped there will be no retrospective effect and that charities will be exempted from tax on gains unrealised on March 18.

It is more fervently to be hoped, however, that Parliament will turn away from imposing new taxes on charities which will discourage giving, fetter good investment management and place daunting administrative burdens on both the Inland Revenue and a great many (often small) charities.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, NICHOLAS SMITH, Curry & Co, 21 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

You could scour London, look in every café in Soho and never find their like — though Mr Colin Wilson would sometimes be lurking significantly in the foreground. Britain had academics, journalists, novelists, but professional intellectuals who lived on and off their ideas — Britain in those years had none.

Happy days.

Balancing power with the US

From the Director of the Ditchley Foundation
Sir, Reactions to the American bombing raid on Libya have shown how the possession of power tends to produce very different thought processes from those produced by the absence of power. American majority opinion, confident of having the means to strike Libya down, has had no difficulty in rallying enthusiastically behind President Reagan's limited punitive action.

The Soviet leadership, also conscious of having great power but consequently measuring with due care the gap between its own and American capacity in this particular case, has reacted prudently while using its customary inflammatory language.

The Arab governments, having virtually no power, have mostly had recourse to aphorisms and truisms which help them to win time.

The reactions in Europe have been the most surprising, perhaps because they have registered so starkly and uncomfortably how relatively weak the European states have become and how unused they now are to exercising power.

And yet the history of the European countries and more particularly of the European empires is full of instances of punitive expeditions, mostly highly successful. European civilisation in its various forms and European political concepts penetrated into distant parts of the world in the wake of punitive expeditions of various sorts.

There has been something of a hiatus for most of the 20th century because the two world wars discredited and nearly destroyed the European nation states while leaving

ing the nation state as the predominant system of government. The talk has therefore been of internationalism and peace and recourse to the UN, while the underlying reality has continued to be the pursuit of national interest. Internationalism and peace and the UN are important ideals, but they still belong more to the world of appearance than to the world of reality.

Appearances demand that modern punitive expeditions should be dressed up as self-defence under article 51 of the UN Charter. The Europeans would be wise not to make too much of a meal of this and to take a few hurried revision courses in the uses, applications and effects of power in international affairs. They would then stand a better chance of influencing the application of American power so that movement towards the ideals appeared to come a little closer rather than appearing to be frustrated.

What seems quite certain is that American power, being real, will be applied, and it is very much in the interest of western Europe that this should be so. Perhaps the real lesson is that the Europeans should turn urgently to the task of getting their own act together in the power business (commonly called defence or security) so that they, too, can have power and influence commensurate with their size and wealth. They would probably then find themselves in greater sympathy with the US.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD HIBBERT, Director, The Ditchley Foundation, Ditchley Park, Enstone, Oxford, April 16.

A moral question

From Mrs Peter Prince
Sir, Your letter (April 16) endorsing the American attack on Libya makes quite unsubstantiated claims on British attitudes and relations with the United States.

American forces and weapons are based in Britain as part of the Nato alliance; at no point, when this alliance was negotiated, was it suggested they were there to be used unilaterally, or with the partial consent of the Nato members, though much of the unease about the presence of cruise missiles was based on the suspicion that given a conflict of interest, the Americans would go it alone — a fear they have now fulfilled.

The United States is not necessarily our natural ally before the other western Europeans. In fact, although that country is prepared to act with military vigour in fields well beyond their territory, when, with the invasion of the Falklands, it looked as though the third world war might start in the Americas, the United States took a much more conciliatory role.

Nor is this new interpretation of article 51, to include terrorists, without its irony. After all, the IRA (who have received help from some American sources for just over 100 years) have inflicted just as much injury over the course of time as the Libyans have done. Far from encouraging us to bomb IRA cells, the Americans have been critical even of the peace-keeping role of the British forces in Ireland.

It is very sad that the reputation for sanity which the British people have earned by distinguishing between Irish terrorists and the Irish and Ulster people and governments is now completely lost by the way we have supported the United States response to the Libyans.

It does no credit to the journalistic standard of your paper to gloss over the uncomfortable fact that the view from Europe

differs far more from the view from Washington than it did, say, forty years ago.

Yours faithfully,
MASRY PRINCE,
Holman's Place,
Bute House,
Near Clonsilla,
Somerset.

From the Reverend D. H. Mullins, Sir, Your letter today (April 16) supporting Mrs Thatcher in her approval of the United States bombing of Libya only serves to highlight the truth of Mr Tebbit's remarks last week when he spoke of the need for renewed moral values in our society. Those values are desperately needed, nowhere more than in the corridors of power, where moral vision is so sadly lacking.

Whilst the United States, with British support, condemns and bombs Libya for allegedly promoting terrorist actions, it is itself actively engaged in the directing and financing of terrorism against Nicaragua via the Contras. The fine rhetoric of Mr Reagan and Mrs Thatcher, which your letter praises so highly, in fact passes judgement on their own actions. After the raid on Libya and the loss of innocent life that it entailed, one is entitled to ask, "Who are the terrorists now?"

It seems self-evident that the complex problems of our world in these difficult days will not be solved by such double standards in moral judgement. What is needed, with the utmost urgency, is the display and promotion of superior moral integrity — not superior military might! — by the leaders of our superpowers.

At present we have embarked on the dangerous game of "if you can't beat them, join them". This only serves to expose the moral bankruptcy that exists at the highest levels of American and British society. This is the tragedy, and it bodes ill for the future.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MULLINS,
1 Maybury Road,
Hull, North Humberside,
April 16.

Way of Wren

From Mr Jeffrey P. Haworth
Sir, Mr Manser's letter (April 7) reveals a revealing lack of appreciation of architectural and court history when he suggests the King's Apartment, damaged in the recent fire at Hampton Court, should not be completely reinstated. The particular sequence of rooms reflecting late 17th-century court procedure is as important as their detailed decoration.

To break the atmosphere of this sequence by introduction of white walls with decorative debris from the fire applied as in a new museum would be an aberration of taste which future generations would surely condemn, ridicule and do away with.

The mid-19th-century penchant for the imposition of the Middle Pointed style on any old building, which now seems hard to understand or justify, is paralleled by Mr Manser's penchant for the universal imposition of his doctrinaire Rightangular Pointed style.

Your readers may be surprised to be assured that most younger architects are not in the mould of the past president of their institute and are capable of a sensitive and less doctrinaire approach to both old and new buildings.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. HAWORTH,
Park House,
Fort Royal Lane, Worcester.

From the Secretary of the Georgian Group
Sir, Surely it is only in England that a leading architect, strapped into his modernist straitjacket, could seriously suggest, after comparatively minor damage to two of the Wren state rooms at

Hampton Court, that the interior of the palace "might be redesigned as of today".

Has Mr Manser never seen Pavlovsk, Tsarskoe Selo, Warburg Palace, the Royal Palace in Warsaw, or indeed the magnificent recent recreation of William III's sister palace at Het Loo in Holland?

Yours faithfully,
ROGER WHITE, Secretary,
The Georgian Group,
37 Spital Square, E1.

Musical excellence

From Miss Johanna Peters
Sir, I have just returned from Austria, where I accompanied four young musicians, a piano trio and a soprano, who were representing the UK in an international week of concerts and conferences in Graz. The British students were the hit of the week.

This visit coincided with the recent Times letter (March 22) concerning the proposed centre of excellence for British music colleges. On the surface, the proposal seems reasonable. I find it disturbing, however, that the motive behind it appears to spring from the desire to prevent advanced British students going abroad.

For at least 200 years, travelling and studying abroad has been considered the culmination of the education of the privileged or the highly talented young academic. Nowadays for British musicians, as in the case of commerce and industry, "abroad" is a major market.

Yours faithfully,
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Guildhall School of Music
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Barbican, EC2,
March 27.

Snags in selling off water

From Mr D. S. Akroyd
Sir, I am surprised that, except in relation to Birmingham and the Elan Valley (report April 11, early editions), there has been no protest by local authorities against the Government's intention to appropriate the proceeds from the privatisation of the water industry, as surely the title to their assets was, as recently as 1974, vested in the local councils and water undertakings.

All pre-1974 sewerage and sewage disposal installations were built at the cost of the local authorities and all pre-1974 waterworks not built by the private water companies were locally funded.

All post-1973 sewerage and sewage installations, and all waterworks, including the very large Rutland and Kielder reservoirs, were funded by the regional water authorities. Although the assets may still be subject to substantial loan debt, the regional water authorities, at great expense to their consumers, have been funding that debt for some twenty years.

There was only an entitlement to government grant in the case of pre-1974 "first-time" rural water and sewage schemes. Surely the proceeds of any flotation should be distributed locally and regionally according to some equitable formulae that could no doubt be worked out.

Privatisation may or may not result in greater efficiency, but three re-organisations in twenty years have certainly caused considerable disruption and substantial expenditure for, apparently, little benefit.

I wonder, however, whether the public will be very ready to invest in an industry when the products are subject to exacting statutory requirements and the market forces are entirely beyond the influence of the companies' sales directors? I am, Sir, yours etc,
DONALD S. AKROYD,
The Stone Cottage,
Barnwell,
Peterborough,
Cambridgeshire,
April 17.

Alternative prayers

From Lord Sudeley
Sir, May I write in support of the letter you published on March 28 from Professor Basil Mitchell and others about the serious state of the Prayer Book? During the past twenty years the Church of England as the established Church has always given Parliament assurances about the Prayer Book which it has not followed through.

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SUDELEY,
House of Lords,
April 5.

Loss of Eurydice

From Mr Martin Gilbert
Sir, I was intrigued by your "On this day" column in which you reprinted the report of March 25, 1878, on the sinking of the Eurydice off the Isle of Wight.

Curiously, this disaster was one of the first memories of Winston Churchill, who was then on the Isle of Wight staying with his nanny's sister. He later recalled how:

One day when we were out on the cliffs near Ventnor, we saw a great splendid ship with all her sails set, passing the shore only a mile or two away... then all of a sudden there were black clouds and wind and the first drops of a storm, and we just scrambled home without getting wet through.

The next time I went out on those cliffs there was no splendid ship in full sail, but three black masts were pointed out to me, sticking up out of the water in a stark way. She was the Eurydice. She had capsized in this very squall and gone to the bottom with three hundred soldiers on board. The divers went down to bring up

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 19 1887

The fifth in a series of articles (October 30, November 21, December 30, 1886; April 17, 19, 20, June 12, 23, 1887) by Talbot Baines.

THE INDUSTRIAL NORTH (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.) ENGINEERING IN YORKSHIRE AND LANCAIRESHIRE.

... In the forges of several of the most elaborately equipped ironworks of the Continent of Europe and the United States some of the most important plant, such as hydraulic presses of enormous power, bringing to bear a pressure of several thousands of tons, and doing with more evenness and certainty the work of the steam hammer, will be found stamped with a well-known mark — the name of James Watt. And from Lancashire and the West Riding locomotives and many of the principal machine tools and testing machines required are sent out to meet the needs of the important iron and steel industry which is springing up in the South of Russia and in Northern Spain and in Japan. These are but a few illustrations of the calm confidence with which the engineers of Yorkshire and Lancashire are provided and are at any moment ready to provide for the requirements of those who it might be thought would thus be helped to develop into more or less formidable competitors of their own. To a very considerable extent that possibility has been realized. Whereas formerly the whole supply of locomotives for the European railways used to come from this country, the needs of those railways are now, in the main, locally met and the foreign makers — nursed, as no doubt they have been, by the high protective tariffs in their own countries — are able to dispute the command of neutral markets with our great locomotive builders. Other causes than those of simple economic competition have, doubtless, been at work to restrict the number of British-built locomotive engines taken to serve the rapidly extending railway systems of Russia, but Lancashire and Yorkshire would have had, and would now have, more orders from that quarter had not France and Germany been able and anxious to supply the needs of the Russian railways.

Today it is sufficient to note two things — first, that in the supply of equipment for the spinners, weavers, bleachers, dyers, and cloth printers of our own Empire, especially those of India and the Australian colonies, and in the establishment of the rapidly-growing industrial life of Japan, an immense field lies open to and is already partially occupied by British engineers, outside the Great Continental and home markets for their products; secondly, in the construction of machinery for the employment of electric energy, there is, both abroad and at home, a practically limitless sphere for the application of British resources alike in capital and in inventive and adaptive ingenuity. It is strange that the home demand for such utilizations of the finest flower of later 19th-century scientific mechanical discovery has hitherto lagged far behind the demand which has come from countries of which England has always assumed to hold a great industrial lead. While the inhabitants of all except a few favoured spots in the metropolis and the leading provincial towns of this country still live and move at night in darkness made visible and air corrupted by coal gas, and are many second and third rate towns on the Continent and in the United States which for years have had excellent installations and rejoiced in the strong and cool radiance of the new illuminant. And not only with regard to lighting, but in respect of its use for locomotive purposes and for the working of machinery, England, by her efficient inventors, has been the benefactor of a third or more of a generation behind some of the Continental nations. Naturally this singular apathy, largely explicable no doubt by the cheapness of gas and steam coal in this country, has checked the development of manufacturing activity here in the direction of electrical appliances. English engineers, however, have not waited for the development of an English demand, but have taken steps to obtain at least their share in the satisfaction of that which has grown up abroad both for the illuminating and the motor uses of electricity.

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the corpses. I was told — and it made a scar on my mind — that some of the divers had fainted with terror at seeing the fish eating the bodies of the poor soldiers who had been drowned just as they were coming back home after all their hard work and danger in fighting savages. I seem to have seen some of these corpses towed very slowly by boats one such day. There were many people on the cliffs to watch, and we all took off our hats in sorrow. Yours sincerely,
MARTIN GILBERT,
36 Parliament Hill, NW3.

Good talking to

From Mr. O. Curtis
Sir, They say to people who offer advice, "Fools do not take it, wise folk do not need it". I feel that there ought to be a word for people who take their own advice and your readers may know of a suitable epithet. So far TOA is the best I can offer you — shall I TOA on this subject? Best wishes,
OWEN CURTIS,
Human Communications,
33 Victoria Avenue,
Hull, Humberside.

THE ARTS

Television



Desert architect of a new nation: T. E. Lawrence

Searching for the anonymous legend

Nothing inflames public interest so much as the spinning of it. In wishing to be alone, Garbo ensured her high, curvaceous profile. In more or less the same bitter words—"I want to be left alone"—Alicia Cavé's Shaw fuelled the legend—a legend he connived at—that he was the uncrowned king of Arabia.

In *Lawrence and Arabia*, *Omibus* (BBC1) gave a vigorous rattle to the bones of a man who was born illegitimately as Chapman, known as T.E. Lawrence and changed his name to Ross and Shaw out of "contempt for my passion for distinction". In his anonymity, ironically, lay the secrets of his distinction. Apart from concealing his name to pass among his own people, Lawrence concealed his character to pass among Arabs. For all its many qualities, *Omibus* Cave's polished attempt to locate the man was like catching water through the fingers or the source of an echo in Wadi Rum.

Scholar, soldier and mechanic, Lawrence's contradictions are evident from the first pages of his epic *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*. "Shamed into pettiness by the innumerable silences of stars", he also, in his beautiful poem to Selim Ahmed, "wrote my will across the sky in stars".

Throughout his short life there was this dichotomy between the diminutive liaison officer with a pockmarked face and an Orwell haircut, and the dreamer of the day who "meant to make a new nation" — and succeeded.

Omibus's attempt to reconcile the two followed conventional enough lines. This included a lot of prurient fuss over the Dares incident in 1917 when, according to Lawrence — and the programme gave no good reason to doubt him — he was whipped and

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Master Drawings in the Royal Collection Queen's Gallery

The Royal Collection is a mirror to the history of collecting in Britain. This is made most clear by the Queen's 30,000 drawings. Jane Roberts, the Curator of the Print Room at Windsor Castle, has selected only 149 of them for this exhibition, yet the provenances read like a roll-call of the great 17th and 18th-century collectors of drawings.

Master Drawings is a tribute to the crucial role the Royal Family has played in the past, but it does not try to hide the sharp falling off in quality in the 19th and 20th centuries. The decline of inspired royal guidance in the visual arts after George III's death coincides with the end of grandiose collecting and the emergence of national museum galleries.

An exhibition of this size can be little more than a tantalizing appetizer. There are only seven of the 600 Leonardos and a study for *The Last Communion of St Jerome* represents 2,000 Domenichinos in the collection. The show opens with

the most famous works from the Italian Renaissance. Metalpoint yields to chalk as the 15th century unfolds. Normally the viewer will be more than satisfied with the narration of strong drawings, but there is a constant sense of frustration at the careful and beautifully framed display. These works still seem to belong to the folders of the Earl of Arundel, Charles I and Nicholas Lanier. The caged acts of draughtsmanship appear to long for their leather-bound portfolios, where the connoisseur would have lovingly flicked through them.

Artists have been among the greatest of collectors. It is therefore not surprising to find that Lely and Lawrence advised their respective monarchs on their collections and that, though their own collections were not immediately bought by the Crown, many of the works have subsequently found their way into the Royal Collection.

George III built heavily on artists' collections. In 1762 he acquired Cardinal Alessandro Albani's collection, which in turn had swallowed up the artist Carlo Maratta's collection, which included the Domenichinos. George III outdid the Grand Tourists with his patronage.

Whereas the Duke of Bedford bought 20 Canalettos and the Earl of Carlisle 17 Joseph Smith, the Consul in Venice, sold the King 53 paintings and 139 drawings, six of which are in the exhibition.

The Royal Collection could fill the entire National Gallery with sensational exhibitions of 17th and 18th-century drawings. Yet it is hard not to be overpowered by the Italian Renaissance drawings in the present show. Raphael's *Warrior Protecting Himself with a Shield* reveals a balance of form that rivals his codices. Madonnas. Leonardo's sheets illustrate his working methods and so give one good reason for collecting drawings, while Bellini's *Head of a Bearded Old Man* demonstrates drawing as a polished work of art.

The restrictions of the Queen's Gallery have led to the intrusion of 19th and 20th-century works, even examples of Queen Victoria's handwriting, but the message must surely be that should Charles III prove a good patron of the arts as Charles I, the current renaissance of British draughtsmanship will be ensured.

Alistair Hicks

Giovanni Bellini's Head of a Bearded Old Man

Concerts

London City Chamber Orchestra/ McIntosh Elizabeth Hall

To conduct Shostakovich's Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and Strings from the keyboard while taking the piano part oneself is a challenging proposition. It may not be the hardest solo part ever written, but it is busy enough, and there are one or two things to think about from a conductor's point of view as well.

Thomas McIntosh's performance may not quite have been a tour de force, but it came close, with David Staff making much of the solo trumpet's curiously episodic part in the proceedings. The most successful movement was the slow second one, the principal theme was delivered with a Welton-like dreaminess, curiously suited to its mood of laid-back irony, both in its first statement on muted strings and at its return on muted trumpet. There were times in the quicker move-

ments when McIntosh seemed to have just too much on his plate (one or two loose entries), and the finale did not really whip along as freely as it should.

Elsewhere in this all-Russian programme there were some ups and downs — mostly the former. I seem to have found myself writing about Tchaikovsky's *Serenade* for Strings about three times already this season in these columns, but it is impossible to get tired of hearing this gloriously written piece; it has a loveliness of spirit that unerringly takes charge of every performance. The London City Chamber Orchestra had a lovely time with it, relishing its lyrical warmth and marvellously clear scoring.

Similarly fresh and full-toned playing was in evidence in Arensky's *Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky*. Prokofiev's *Visions Fugitives* rather found these players out. Rudolf Barshai's skilful arrangement of the original piano version demands greater precision of ensemble than it received here.

Malcolm Hayes

Knights/Dodd Wigmore Hall

On the face of it this recital, which celebrated a fruitful partnership of 10 years between the oboist Andrew Knights and the pianist Jane Dodd, looked like an intriguing prospect, with some refreshingly unfamiliar English music at its heart. If the results were less satisfying than they might have been, the blame can be laid equally at the doors of the predominantly dark introspection of nearly every piece and the unfortunate fact that for most of the time the duo seemed unable to find the necessary force of personality.

Knights played a dangerous opening gambit, with Britten's *Six Metamorphoses after Ovid*. Although his phrasing was always expressively refined, he mistakenly opted for the tone quality that was thickly Germanic rather than sinewy and French. Strangely, when Dodd joined him for Schumann's *Three Romances*, Opus 94, his sound became more piquant, and he was less encumbered by his slow speaking reed. But while his sense of phrase here seems to

be a perfect match for Schumann's ripe, if flighty, music, the piano was rather woolly.

The rest of the English fare was pretty solid stuff, and nothing more so than Edmund Rubbra's *Sonata* of 1958, given in memory of its composer, who died in February. Rubbra's style is difficult to define beyond saying that it is refreshingly direct in method and expression; there is some relationship with Nielsen in that. The performance was one to match the music, confident and purposeful, as was that of David McBride's *Moonraker* (1981) for cor anglais and piano, a sad, slow, sober, showing a sensitive melodic gift.

But Dominic Muldowney's *Three Hymns to Agape* of 1978 (one each for cor anglais, oboe d'amore and oboe) was altogether more determined and more grateful music, the first of them a closely staggered, rhythmically jerky unison chorale, reminiscent of Ligeti's *Horn Trio*, the second and third somewhat sweeter. Knights and Dodd here, for once, really did click.

Stephen Pettitt

Theatre

Grotesque victims of a ripping yarn

Force and Hypocrisy Young Vic Studio

In his book *Jack the Ripper: The Final Solution* Stephen Knight advanced the comprehensive attractive theory that the murders were the work of the Royal Physician Sir William Gull acting in concert with the society portraitist Walter Sickert; in disembodying a handful of East End prostitutes they sought to eliminate all who

knew the secret of Albert, Duke of Clarence's morganatic marriage.

Having been handed this story virtually on a plate, the playwright Doug Lucie has felt obliged to beef it up with all manner of glaringly "relevant" side-issues beyond the immediately appealing theme of a Masonic conspiracy. The labour riots and terrorist threats of the 1880s intrude jarringly into the major action, of the piece, with the result that the Establishment villains are given too many victims — a strategy which does not gild the lily so much as tarnish it. And it does not help Mr Lucie's case that his script includes such gruesome Victorian expressions as "the latent Sane-Coburg charisma".

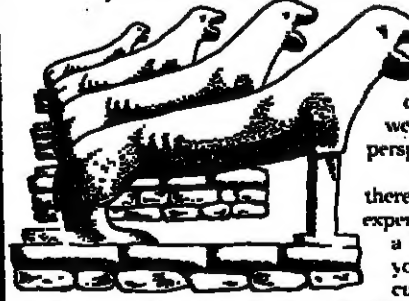
The personal tragedy of the Duke of Clarence, known as "Eddy", is economically established in the opening scene, where we find him sitting pale and disconsolate to one side of a dim chamber while his father, the atrocious Edward,

Prince of Wales, plays cards with his crony Lord Arthur Somerset. Later, the three will meet again during the notorious raid on the Cleveland Street brothel, but this time Somerset will be in chorus-girl's drag and the unfortunate Eddy will be discovered by his father naked and tied to a chair.

It may have been Mr Lucie's purpose to shock the audience by this and other grotesqueries (we do actually witness Gull arranging his last victim's intestines over her shoulder) as it may also have been his aim to persuade us of the inequities of monarchy, primogeniture, capitalism and so on — the usual soft targets of "radical" playwrights. Such mundane ambitions deserve neither Paul Tomlinson's adroit production nor the fine performances from Ian Mincey as Eddy and John Ashton as Netley, the sly, corrupting royal coachman.

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Astral Projections Production Village

Improbably popping up in the featureless length of Crickendon Lane, Production Village is an enticing theatrical oasis incorporating film studio, band and rehearsal rooms, a Parisian cafe-bar, and a most seductive pub with a covered veranda overlooking a duck pond, a model ship rusting away in its berth.

Last November the Village also acquired its own theatre: a snug 50-seater, equipped with lighting resources beyond the scope of any other comparable London studio. As its first original show, the Village Theatre has this piece by Jackie Skarvellis which, I fear, survives no better than the leaky model ship were it to be launched among the ducks.

Astral Projections sets off as a dialogue between the swinging youth of today and the Sixties. To achieve this encounter, Miss Skarvellis imagines an Earls Court International Fair For Spiritual Enlightenment where two hippies meet up with a skinhead and his punk girlfriend. For the contrast to be drawn, each group has to stay inside its own time-warped, but, the date being 1986, the hippies have to be able to pick up references outside their period.

It also becomes clear that there will be no dialogue. To stay in character, each group has to hug its separate corner, talking to each other or firing off comments to the house.

Miss Skarvellis at least proves herself conversant with a wide range of the crank cults that have sped through these islands. Much of this information, however, comes in the form of facetious catalogues, seemingly more intended to raise a derisive giggle and admiration for the writer's breadth of knowledge than to contribute anything to characterization.

Not that the piece is uneventful. A Buddhist monk (well played by Frank Copperstone) unmasks himself as an actor before burning himself to death and, after an ecstatic Neanderthal rape, aliens descend to pronounce the end of the world. Nevertheless all this and the able exertions of Patricia Perry and Pippa Hinchley, the sensation at the time is that nothing much is happening.

Irving Wardle

Radio

Laughter anew at unhappy visions

Although Dr Eric Griffiths on *Kaleidoscope* (Wednesday) may have introduced Radio 4 listeners to the idea that Samuel Beckett is a very funny writer, I first heard of a some 15 years ago from the then head of BBC Radio Drama, Martin Esslin.

At the time I thought he was having me on, which was a curious thing to think for I had already seen and laughed quite loud at *Waiting for Godot*. Well, laughed at parts of it, for I sensed then, and have become more certain of it since, that while the laughter was genuine and provoked by some very good and penetrating jokes indeed, there lay behind it something quite exceptionally unfunny: a vision of life as coming out of nothing, going nowhere and not being lived and not being seen alone in the teeth of every possible discouragement.

Since Godot aspect of my experience of Beckett has come from radio and there, without the aid of television, I have been the owner of one of the most, I don't recall much laughter between me and Beckett on the air. Maybe I have loosened my stays a bit by now, for I chuckled quite a lot at the repeat of Donald McWhinnie's fine 1957 production of *All That Fall* (Sunday) which opened last week's short Radio 3 season of Beckett's work put on to mark the writer's 80th Birthday. Oh yes, there was some lovely mirthful dialogue and Mary O'Farrell's playing of Mrs Rooney was marvellously energetic and indomitable. Yet still to me the out-of-nothing-into-nowhere dominated; indeed it is in the very climate of the piece.

"What is the day doing?" asks blind Dan Rooney (I.G. Devlin) and Mrs Rooney an-

swers him: "Shrouding, shrouding, the best of it is past." One shudders and this is even before the old man's question about the text of the next Sunday's sermon. "The Lord upholds all that fall", she tells him, "and raiseth up all those that be bowed down". Their shrieks of wild laughter suffice a chill.

McWhinnie's production and the extraordinary effects which, in the days before the *Radio Theatre* Workshop he and Desmond Briscoe conjured up, only served to deepen that impression. Robust playing was set against stylized, surreal sound of countryside and rising wind, of the railway at Boghill and, most striking of all, the painful rhythmic chosen to convey a blind man's stick and steps.

The other pieces we heard did nothing to lighten the somberness. *Embers* (Tuesday, McWhinnie, 1959) gave us an old man looking back on a hazy past and toward a hazy future. Rough for Radio, (Wednesday, director, Martin Esslin, 1976) used the interrogation of a prisoner as a pretext to a writer's efforts to extract material from a recalcitrant subconscious. Its contents bore a marked if incoherent resemblance to some of Beckett's own radio monologues and indeed to *A Piece of Monologue* (Friday, director, Ronald Mason) the only new work of the week. "Birth was death to him" it began as it explored a bleak image of dying an old man all in white in a dim, bare room stares either at the blank wall or out into the dark and rain. Ronald Pickup was the reader and uncanonically he had taken on something of the sound of Patrick Magee whose voice before his death was virtually synonymous with the Beckett monologue.

David Wade

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Pearls and a lost culture

During a nine-month odyssey around Australia, Linda Christmas visited Broome, a tiny town with a colourful history founded on a glamorous occupation — pearl fishing. The pearls are fewer, but the glamour lingers

Broome is the glamour spot on the north-west coast. This tiny town sits upon a small hook of land jutting into the Indian Ocean. It also sits on the edge of the Kimberley region, firmly in the tropics and only eighteen degrees south of the Equator. It has the kind of climate and the sort of history that evoke thoughts of Maugham and of Conrad. It is lush and lazy. There are no office blocks, the bank still has sloping wooden decks and whirling fans. There are no buses, but many bicycles occasionally ridden by stately-looking men in tropical white shirts, shorts and knee-length socks. There are no parking lots and no shopping precincts; instead, large houses, perfectly designed to suit the climate with wide verandahs and shuttered windows, stand back from the roads, shaded by shaggy palms and huge mango trees, surrounded by bougainvillea and frangipani and other exotic shrubs. Such houses are favoured by millionaires; few in Broome can afford them, but plenty in Perth seem to need them in order to escape from whatever it is that is making them rushed and rich. They used to belong to the pearling masters in the days when Broome was the pearling centre of the world, in the days when Broome was better known than Sydney in the salons of Europe.

Broome did not have a Maugham or a Conrad to chronicle its eccentric early life, more's the pity, but it had Ion Idriess and *Forty Fathoms Deep* which at least tries to

Living in the past and on the past

relay the mystery of pearl diving and the way in which men fought and cheated and lied and died over tiny baubles which gave passing pleasure to the wives of the wealthy. There was little mateism in this treacherous business; no man who found a pearl could afford to share his joy without risking betrayal.

Pearl fishing started here in 1883. By then, the pearl shell had become of great value for buttons, and the pearl itself was of subsidiary importance. For all that, the diving was still dangerous and best left to Aborigines and Asians, as the Malays, Chinese, Indonesians and Japanese were then called. By 1910 there were 400 huggers in Broome and a population of 5,000 busily supplying the world's mother-of-pearl. Plastic ruined all that.

Everywhere you go in Broome they will willingly

talk about the days before plastic; it is a place which lives in the past to some extent, and on the past to a great extent. A museum keeps all the bits intact and a thriving historical society keeps the memories alive. Those who leave are drawn back regularly for a draught of the past: of the days when families were large and girls were not allowed to work but spent hours fanning their mothers on those wide verandahs, waiting for the next party. There were lots of parties, beach picnics and dances and get-togethers on Sunday morning where the girls, outnumbered four to one, would whisper of their conquests over lemon squash and the boys, elsewhere, would embroider their overboots. Those days were prosperous and even lazier. The blacks who were not divers formed a serving class to potter around the houses of the pearling masters and dig their gardens.

The Continental, once the only hotel in town and the centre of its social life, is still there but revamped now to offer air-conditioning and television in the rooms, a bar designed to look like a sailing vessel and a drive-in bottle shop. However, they have kept the wrought-iron scrollwork and the wide verandahs on the main building and hidden the extra rooms amid tropical plants. Despite competition from three new motels, the Continental still acts as the main meeting-place. I stayed in this hotel and one night went to eat in the bar where counter meals were served. Of course, it was full of men — but bars usually are, so I thought nothing of it as I

paused before the menu, until the manager appeared by my side and suggested I might like to eat in the dining room. "You will be much more comfortable there and you can change your meal to my account."

I bristled slightly at the thought that — in the nicest possible way — I was being invited to leave, but then decided that he was genuinely concerned for my comfort and I would prefer to see me dining alone in a nearly empty dining room than dining alone in a bar crowded with men. In any event, to allay lingering suspicions of a men-only policy, I invited the local doctor to meet me in the bar the following evening for a drink. The stand went unnoticed.

Western Australia encourages doctors with entrepreneurial flair. In the south they own wineries, but up here in the north they own petrol stations, caravan parks, shops and property. Peter owns the lot; he symbolizes the new breed of businessman who has filled the power vacuum left by the pearling masters. He arrived in Broome in the early 1960s when land was cheap and the place somewhat depressed, but he foresaw a new life for Broome as a deep-water port serving the cattle industry in the Kimberleys. Now the abattoir, hatching up cattle for hamburgers and packing it for shipment to the USA and Japan, is one of the largest employers and, with gas off the coast and oil inland causing a regular traffic in mining executives, the town has less reason to be depressed. It is tourism, however, upon which the doctor has pinned his hopes and his investments. He noticed the increasing number of Australians who retire early and take off in their camper vans to explore their country, and he is ready for them with the beachside caravan park, petrol station and shops.

Some visitors who make the pilgrimage are disappointed, and some complain the town has lost its lustre, become flabby, double-chinned and weak at the knees. To me, Broome was acceptable without the violence of the old days. I loved the way every transaction turned into a conversation, whether in the post office or in the library where they claim they can get any book within two weeks, and where the librarian opened on a closed day so that I might return my books before leaving and he might return my temporary membership fee and tell me more about how he spent his spare time looking for crocodiles on the Fitzroy River.

Perhaps I also found it less disappointing than some be-

cause I came across a corner of Broome that was struggling to retain links with the past, a corner that was determined to fiddle with nature and produce cultured pearls, skilled work indeed, and costly and laborious and risky and much more interesting than I had expected. The whole business of choosing an oyster of the right age and size, of opening it at a carefully chosen moment and dropping inside a tiny spherical shape and hoping that the oyster would accept the foreign body as though it were a grain of sand and then continue to grow, coating the sphere with nacre

Competition eats away at the profit

to form a pearl, is fraught with difficulties. The oyster doesn't like being tampered with and either dies or rejects the bead or, in defiance, produces a misshapen lump that is of no use to anyone. The idea is old. The Chinese were pretty adept at the process in the thirteenth century, but the secrets of the technique lapsed and it was left to the Japanese and the Australians to try and revive it in the 1890s. But the powerful pearling masters of Broome felt threatened and the government of Western Australia passed a law banning the cultured pearl. Between 1922 and 1949 anyone caught ex-

perimenting was liable to be fined and imprisoned. The Japanese continued the research and by the mid-1950s were ready to return to Broome with their knowledge and start a joint venture. For some years their pearl farm at Kuri Bay brought millions of dollars to Broome — but now it is floundering. Cyclones have wrecked pearl beds, an elusive marine bacterium has killed off thousands of oysters, and competition from Indonesia is eating away at the profit. Indonesian divers seem happy enough to work for £10 a month, while labour costs in Broome are high. The pearl from these waters looks doomed.

John Fox-Lowe, Bill Reid and Ian Turner are not quite ready to give up. The conditions for pearl oysters are still good: the huge twenty-foot tides ensure a rich supply of food, and the fact that the water temperature drops below 68°F (20°C) for a few months each year allows the nacre coating a period of slow, fine growth. That Sunday I found the three sitting in a shabby room, mulling about moomies and lams, the measures used to weigh pearls, and poring over \$470,000 worth of pearls of varying shapes, a sample from the next harvest. There was no air-conditioning and with humidity reaching 95 per cent, the only thing that was cool (and then only briefly) was the beer. The three learned their craft working for the giant Kuri Bay Company and branched out on their own in

1978, and each year they have watched their increasing skills produce a better harvest. Ian and John were divers, a job which has changed little since the early days, except that it is now safer, but it still means being underwater for eight hours a day and it is still highly competitive. There may be plenty of shells down there on the sea bed, but often they are not easy to see, and often they are not of the right size, between 4½ and 7 inches.

These modern pearlers put to sea in their lugger, a converted prawn trawler, in teams of seven for ten days at a time. If they are lucky, it takes around three months to catch the shells they need. The carrying of the shells to their new homes, on piled-up racks beneath the sea, is one of the trickiest parts of the operation, because then the oysters are most likely to succumb to disease.

They are constantly watched during the settling-in period and are sometimes given up to a year to get fat and lazy before the surgeon comes to operate. "Surgeon" is the right word, since the men who perform the insertion of the tiny spheres made of Mississippi mussel shells are paid as much as top medical surgeons. Their skill is prized and there are not more than 100 men in the world capable of the work.

most of whom are Japanese. Broome Pearls hires a specialist, but Ian has been learning and the other two claim that even the Japanese are impressed with his work.

"It requires intense concentration, and constant decision-making — where to put the bead and which size of bead to use, and it also requires a constant rhythm — a bit like making mayonnaise. At the end of the day I'm whacked."

As the oysters need to be out of the water for as little time as possible, the operating is done at sea in a specially designed raft. When the oysters are returned once more to their high-rise homes, they are again closely watched and checked for two years.

The threesome had what is best described as chequered careers before they joined forces. Much of Bill's time was spent overseas with the United Nations doing research work, and John scorned the chance to join his father's milk-selling business in England at the age of twenty-one, appalled to discover his entire life mapped before him. Uncertainty and adventure were more in his line: delivering boats halfway around the world, diving for scallops in Scotland and abalone in New

Enthusiastic keepers of the heritage

South Wales. Diving for abalone in Eden he met Ian, who was doing the same.

Ian had read engineering at university but thoughts of a conventional career were abandoned when he received his call-up papers for Vietnam. He fled, and remained on the run for 16 months before the police caught him. "I was sentenced to a full 18 months in prison, but Whitlam came to power after I had served just over 10 months and all draft-dodgers were released."

The future of the Broome Pearl could hardly be in the hands of more likeable or more intriguing men, but, for all their enthusiasm and dedication, the majestic past has gone. A natural pearl may be found every couple of years, but no one fights and cheats and lies and dies any more.

Extracted from *The Ribbon and the Ragged Square*, by Linda Christmas, to be published on April 24 by Viking (£14.95).

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Holidays with children in tow needn't end in tears. Options include go-it-alone activity centres, a city with treats galore. . .

Fun with no apron strings attached

According to my daughter Claire (11), her sporting week away with Dolphin Holidays was "magic". According to my daughter Alexandra (14), her week, camping and canoeing on the Ardeche with PGL was "tough". They both agreed that it was fun and both went away on their own. We old folk stayed behind, hung around the telephone and worried quite a bit, but needlessly, for they came home intact, tanned, happy and keen to go again.

Holidays for unaccompanied children are increasingly popular and well-organized. The basic package includes supervision (seven is the minimum age for most holidays), relentless activity and excessive amounts of chips, but the children seem to thrive on it, gaining in confidence and self-reliance, as well as picking up some useful sporting skills. The range of activities on offer seems almost limitless.

Doyen of the children's holiday market is PGL Holidays of Ross-on-Wye, which offers holidays for unaccompanied children between 6 and 16 years of age at their centres in the United Kingdom, France and Holland. Constant supervision is provided for more than forty activities from computer camps to soccer, tennis and outdoor adventure weeks, and the only complaint from my eldest was that the food was too stodgy, which probably means not enough chips. The 1986 PGL brochure contains a useful and comprehensive Parent Guide with advice on pocket money, medical contact, and reassurance on all the little details that tend to prey on the parental mind. A Multi-Activity Holiday in the United Kingdom for 8 to 13-year-olds costs from £139. A week of canoeing and windsurfing in France for 13 to 15-year-olds costs from £224.

Dolphin Children's Adventure Holidays (see right) offers a diversity of programmes with day camps close to home, from which the children are collected and returned each night, to full residential holidays for children from 7 years and up such as the one Jason Poole and Christopher Tidball went on. Multi-Adventures include windsurfing, canoeing, motorcycle sport, and games — the lot. Day camps will be open this summer at various places around London, and at several provincial cities. A typical charge is £18.50 per day for children aged 3 to 6, while a week like Christopher and Jason's costs around £144 plus VAT.

GOING SOLO



Today was good! . . . Today has been fab

Tops Travel also of Ross-on-Wye caters for unaccompanied young people between 7 and 18 years, and offers a wide range of activities with a slight bias towards the educational. The holidays available include courses in spoken French, computing and rugby, as well as the more familiar attractions of ponies, sailboards or fun in the sun.

Country-loving children will be well suited by Gametrek Holidays of Llandysul in Dyfed, which offers Novice and Junior Breaks during the school holidays for young people between 12 and 20 years. Activities here include trout fishing, shooting and birdwatching, all with instruction and under careful supervision. A week at Gametrek with accommodation

and all meals costs from £185.

Constance All Star Coaching Holidays may be just the ticket for the young contender. Apart from plenty of fresh air and fun, they offer youngsters careful coaching from professionals in a wide range of sports from soccer (Glen Hoddle) and cricket (Alan Knott), to golf (Peter Townsend), as well as multi-sport holidays for the real all-rounder. Prices here start at £140 per week.

Down in Street in Somerset the facilities of Millfield School are open to families during the summer holidays, when the Millfield Village of Education offers no less than 95 different activities and some 340 separate courses, as well as specially structured weeks for unaccompanied children. These children are accommodated in the Junior boarding houses and offered a vast range of activities: judo, riding, rounders, and much, much more, at prices from £95 for one week.

As a final example of the activities available, why not send them sailing? The Island Cruising Club of Salcombe, Devon, is always happy to welcome unaccompanied children on its cadet weeks with a matron to look after the pre-cadet group (10 to 12-year-olds) and experienced staff to look after the older children from 13-plus. The craft and instruction are both first-class, and the sailing courses offer children the opportunity to gain the RYA National Dinghy Sailing Certificate, as well as having a lot of fun and in the evenings.

For something even more adventurous afloat, ocean cruising is available with the Ocean Youth Club of Gosport, which maintains a fleet of twelve yachts and celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year. A week's ocean cruising for children aged 12 to 14 costs from £147.

Winter sports need not be confined to school or family parties. The Ski Club of Great Britain has been running Young Members parties for more than 25 years, and its Ski Parties brochure lists holidays for nine to 19-year-olds in several countries throughout All in all, these holidays have a great deal to offer young people, a chance to spread their wings, make new friends and pick up an enjoyable skill or hobby. Certainly my two seem to like them; I only wish they were as keen on school.

Rob Neillands



Water rats: schoolfriends Christopher Tidball (left) and Jason Poole making a splash on their adventure holiday in Devon

Here are extracts from Jason and Christopher's reports. Jason's first day: "Today was good! After a big breakfast we went pony trekking which was great. My horse went into a gallop. After lunch I went on a nature trail. I thought it was silly. We also did parachute which was 50 feet high. I did not do it."

Next day it was Christopher's turn to have trouble with his mount. The activity was trail bikes. "When I was crossing a bridge my bike skidded and fell off the bridge on to me. Then we did the ropes assault course and jungle fun, and fun. We went rock climbing and abseiling after lunch. I really enjoyed them both." Jason was not so sure about abseiling and described it in his diary as "very frightening".

On day three there were more spills. As Jason put it: "Today has been fab. First we did canoeing and I capsized. After that we did shooting. I got five on the target. Then we were about to go camping out." Day four was Thursday. The itinerary included carving which "was my best thing" said Christopher, an alligator hunt, and swimming races. On Friday there was a visit to Exeter and swimming. Christopher added: a summary to his report: "I really enjoyed my week on the Dolphin Holiday. I enjoyed carving most of all. The food was delicious and there was lots of it. We were always in a small group of about 10 and the instructors were kind as well."

Growing to love the Grand Canal

LITTLE VENICE

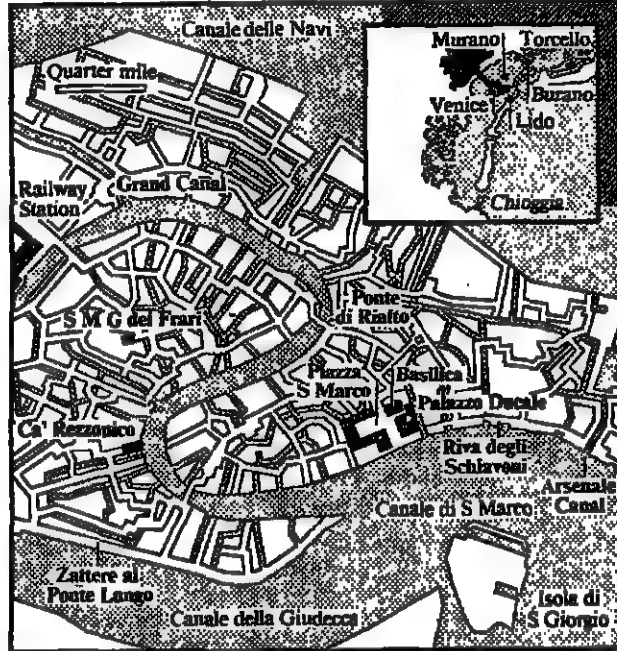
"Daddy", asked the six-year-old as the vaporetto headed down the Grand Canal, "is the water meant?"

There have been half a dozen family holidays in Venice since then and she has learned to row like a gondolier. She and her elder sister are taking an interest in the arts and architecture of this city, but it is still, for them, primarily a place for boat-rides, eating pasta, collecting miniature glass animals from the shops where craftsmen make them over a Bunsen burner and feeding the pigeons of San Marco.

Our first family expedition was to Camping dei Fiori, which stretches along the Adriatic shore on the coast of the mainland close to the easterly entrance to the Venetian lagoon. Its comfortable caravans are parked among trees and flowering shrubs between the beach and the swimming pool, and its shop, restaurant and bar make it a self-contained resort.

When the whole family finally took the vaporetto along the Grand Canal we showed them one picture: Tizian's Assumption in the church of the Frari, long to be remembered as "The lady in red".

We had flown to Venice then but this time we took advantage of British Rail's Europ Family Card fares. The



Daddy, is the water meant?

first adult pays £5 for the card and £205.60 for the full first-class return fare from London, but the other parent pays only £143.20 and the children cost much less (£57.20 for the 11-year-old, £98 for the 13-year-old).

In summer, the best hotel for a family holiday is certainly the Cipriani because of its large, open-air swimming pool — the only one in Venice — but it is also the most expensive. Since it was now autumn, the children voted

for their other favourite, the Pensione Bucintoro: one star instead of five and a tenth of the price. The advantages of this little hotel, where Whistler stayed to catch Venice from its windows, are that its standards of comfort and food are simple but good; the view it commands is unrivalled and it is run by a charming family. It stands at the entrance to the Arsenal canal on the broad promenade of the Riva degli Schiavoni, curving away to San Marco, along which chil-

dren can safely wander to feed the pigeons in the Piazza.

Once established at an hotel, the first essential is to master transport within the city. The two most useful vaporetto ferries are routes No 1 and 5; the former plying up and down the Grand Canal, along the Riva and out to Lido; the latter, around the outside of the city and so known as the *circolare*.

Gondolas, as expensive with gondoliers often trying to exceed the official rate of 45,000 lire (about £18) for 30 minutes. Cheapest of all are the *traghetto* ferry-gondolas which cross the Grand Canal at half-a-dozen points, for which the fare is only 200 lire, or 8p.

Most travel within the city will be on foot and for this a good map is essential (Hallway's is probably the best) with a guidebook for occasional readings (the Blue Guide and Hugh Honour's *Venice* are admirable and the new edition of L G Links' *Venice for Pleasure* includes a section about Venice for children).

Visits to the bronze giants who sound the hours on the great bell above the Piazza, or

the frescoes of *punchelli* in the little upstairs rooms of the Ca' Rezzonico palace on the Grand Canal, are memorable and there will be plenty of distractions along the way: these shops selling tiny glass animals, the Rialto markets, drinking at cafe tables in the little squares and deciding whether to lunch on pasta beneath the vine in the courtyard of a trattoria, or on pizza on the Zattere waterfront where the great ships bound for the port pass by.

Long-range ferries offer voyages to Lido, the islands of Murano (for glass-blowing), Burano (for lace-making) and Torcello (for medieval mosaics and, memorable lunches) and there is always the day trip across the lagoon to and from Chioggia in the far west.

Reading James Morris's *Venice* puts one in the mood, but such enhancement is peripheral because Venice can be relied upon to make its own impact. Indeed, there is little need to say more than: "Once upon a time there was — and there still is — a city paved with water."

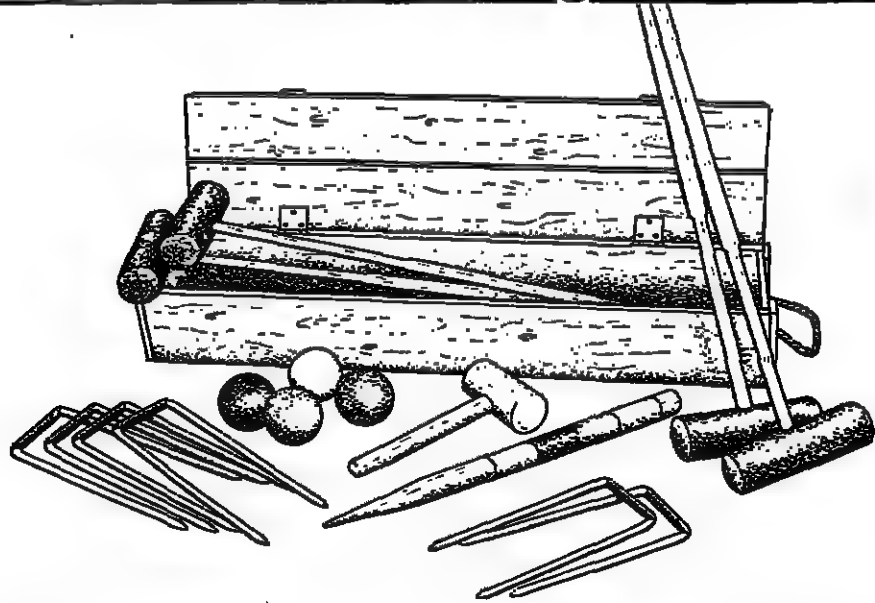
Guy Topham

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Package holidays at Camping dei Fiori can be arranged through Marina Holidays, 38 Endless Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire (0722 332121). Pensione Bucintoro is

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TRAVEL

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Katy Jessica (right) is a lovable spigot of a person with an irresistible smile and an impressive undercarriage but she is less than two years old and therein lies a problem. Her pleasure is random and spectacular, her mode of progress through life an exaggerated peripatetic. That celebrated physicist Werner Heisenberg revolutionized 20th-century science with his enunciation of the uncertainty principle. In Katy Jessica it is made flesh.

All this was known - in theory - before she arrived. But it took my wife and I the better part of a year to discover exactly how our holiday was to be transformed. Svetie hotels, isolated cottages, wild landscapes and unaggravated horizontality had - all of them - to go. We came, by degrees, to the consideration of an Alternative Place of Rest. Mentioning a holiday camp in liberal society is like saying you wear boots in the bath. Your marketing profile is immediately reassessed. Once upon a time this would have been my own reaction. Images of sauce bottles on tables and Hitler-youth-style antics on concrete parade grounds rise irresistibly to mind. Even now I am not sure how it all came about.

What attracted us, essentially, were the facilities for children. Our first venture was at a Ladbroke's holiday centre near Bognor. As the second summer with Katy Jessica approached, my nightmare was of a dreadful, shackled,

CAMPING IT UP



Her pleasures are random and spectacular

aimless, trailing fortnight with the entire holiday revolving round children's zoos, model villages and small discoveries of cigarette ends and apple cores. It was then that we discovered the Savoy Country Club.

The Savoy is tomorrow's holiday camp. It is small and family-run. It consists of chalets set in landscaped, traffic-free grounds. It has three

TRAVEL NOTES

Savoy Country Club, Weymouth, Isle of Wight PO41 0JY (0983 760355). Full board (incl. VAT), adults £100-£140 a week; children £42-£54 (ages 2-15). First child under five, free. Ladbroke Holidays (0483 720243).

squash courts, three tennis courts, four swimming or paddling pools, sauna, steam-room, spa bath, multi-gym, fitness trail, bowling green, putting course, pétanque (boule) pitch, snooker and table tennis rooms and an entire hall devoted to space invaders and kindred technology. There are dozens of organized activities, none of which is thrust at guests, and a wonderful institution known as the Skylark Club which keeps older children occupied throughout the day.

There is also a day nursery for babies and younger children and a night-time baby listening service linked to each chalet.

It was these last two assets that tipped the balance. None of the hotels we investigated could compete with such facilities. We calculated (correctly) that they would make the difference between a stress-free holiday and a Special Branch-style surveillance operation.

Hi-de-hi does have its compensations, however. At Bognor, where certain collector traditions survived, my wife entered and won the Name the Tune competition. She was awarded a teddy bear the size of a small grizzly, which we named Lexington, after the chief bluecoat, and which now has its own chair in the dining room. It is, in its way, a memorial to an experiment that succeeded. Katy Jessica loves it.

David Nicholson Lord

Spot checks on Spanish seats

TRAVEL NEWS

The Spanish government has started a new clampdown on passengers travelling on "heat only" holiday charter flights.

Official investigations have carried out spot checks on passengers using charters at Lanzarote, Alicante and Mahon and in one case a German operator was fined for an entire charter-load of passengers who, it was alleged, could not produce accommodation vouchers. The maximum fine this year for charter irregularities has been increased from about £50 to £500 per passenger.

David Shepherd, the well-known wildlife artist, is hosting two safaris in

accommodation at the Milford Plaza or Century Paramount Hotels, both located near Broadway. Departure from Gatwick is on Thursday afternoon and return early Monday morning.

French leave

French Railways (SNCF) has spent almost £1 million on major improvements to the three ships which operate its Newhaven-Dieppe ferry service under the Sealink banner and is claiming price reductions in the peak season. Two adults travelling on breakfast sailings in August with a car up to 5.5 metres long would pay only £125 return.

Philip Ray

OUTINGS

HEART OF ENGLAND CRAFT MARKET: Exhibition demonstrating and selling many traditional and contemporary crafts - weaving, wood-turning, metal sculpture and so on. Also some fine smoking horses, silk smoking and mother-of-pearl jewellery.

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SHOPPING

Front runners in the back business

One person in five suffers from backache. Beryl Downing looks at some new products for easing the pains

The back business is booming. One person in five has backache, and not all the sufferers are old — one in 10 is under 19. The most recent survey showed that back pain cost the National Health Service £156 million, and industry £1,018 million in lost production.

Two years ago an outcrop of specialist shops offering pain-easing products appeared in London. Chester-care, which had operated a mail order service for four years, opened in Hampstead. The Back Store appeared in Hammersmith. The Back Shop in the West End.

Now the first foreign competition is about to invade — the French company Anatomia will open in the Euston Centre in May.

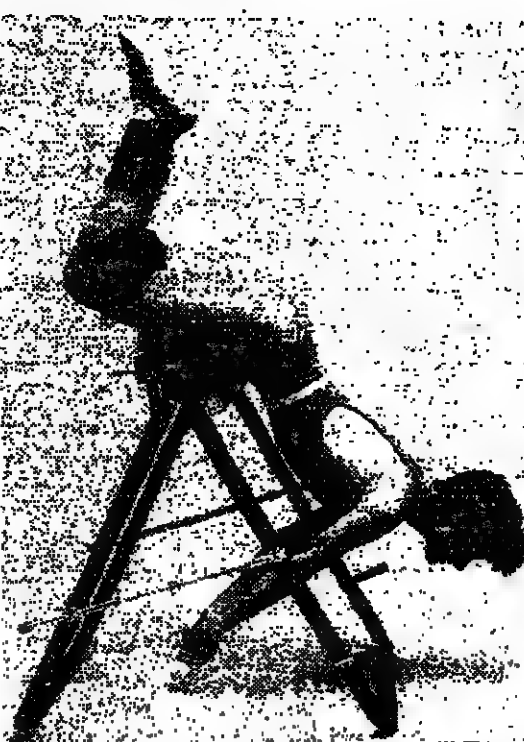
The owner, Henri Kogan, is a man with a mission. He comes from a medical family and has devoted 26 years to making, buying and selling products to help back pain.

His approach is less gymnastic than some of his British competitors. "Design and comfort is my theme", he says. "There are three golden rules for back sufferers — a good bed, a good chair and a good pillow."

Among the specialties he will be bringing from France are a pillow scooped out in the centre to hold the head in exactly the right position during sleep, a bed with a flexible slatted base which keeps the spinal column perfectly aligned, and a gadget called the Quartzo.

This looks like a streamlined stapler and works on a trigger action, producing sparks of static electricity, without batteries and without current. Put to the skin it feels like tiny pinpricks.

The theory is that, applied to the painful area, it stimulates



Hardback or easy option? The Orthoped's home traction for £325, or Clinique's Amberley recliner in wool tweed for £383

lates the production of endorphin, the body's natural morphine, which relieves the aches. Nobody pretends that it is a cure, simply a temporary solace. It is suitable for any inflammation of the muscles and cannot do any harm (although people with pacemakers and pregnant women should not use it).

In Kogan's 10 *Boutiques du Dos* in France 20,000 have been sold within the past eight months. But what does an expert with no commercial involvement think of it? I asked Mr Stephen Eisenstein, director of the Department for Spinal Injuries at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital, for his view. "The endorphin theory is not proven", he says, "but, like acupuncture, it does succeed with some patients and you can't argue with success."

The British-made items which Anatomia will stock are the Backfriend, which Henri Kogan considers to be the best of its kind, and the new reclining chair called Amberley made by Clinique, who specialize in supportive chairs.

It is the most comfortable chair I have ever tried. It gives firm support in each of its three positions — upright, semi-reclined and fully re-



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clined — and it operates simply by leaning back, so it is easy to use for people who are unable to grip levers.

It is traditionally styled and comes in dark or light wood and with a variety of covers, so it could fit in with all but the most avant-garde interiors. It costs from £350 according to fabric and is also available from John Lewis.

In the other shops the products are much of a muchness — chairs to improve posture, supportive cushions for sitting and driving, heat and massage accessories. The Back Shop's approach is the most

clinical with a staff of qualified physiotherapists, equipped with what they will advise and demonstrate the inversion therapy exercisers which swing you upside down, helping to stretch the spine.

The newest, exclusive to the Back Shop, is the Orthoped, at £325. Unlike other traction machines it suspends the body from the knees, which avoids putting the strain of the full body weight on the ankles.

"There is nothing magical about this type of apparatus", says Stephen Eisenstein. "It provides traction comparatively cheaply at home and is

most likely to work with patients who have had some relatively mild strain. "There is an easy way to avoid making an expensive mistake. If a patient is able to hang from the Intel above the door and achieve relief then that is the type of person who will derive benefit from such a machine."

The chairs at the Back Shop and at the Back Store are mainly variations on the ergonomically designed Balans "kneeling chair", which supports the body in the natural position of a kneeling child and keeps the spine straight — suitable mainly for working at a desk or drawing board, less appropriate in the average living room.

Chester-care offers not only back care products but also aids which would be helpful for people with other disabilities — heating pads for aching joints (£15.95), Lend-a-Hand claw-on-a-stick to pick things up without bending (from £1.75 to £10.25 according to length), long-handled shoe horns (£4.50). A catalogue giving postal charges is available.

All the back experts agree that good posture is the best preventive medicine. The Teles Clinic in Cavendish Square believes in creating

exactly the right support for each individual back and will create a firm lumbar cushion specially for you.

A fitting is necessary, so that the support is moulded exactly to your shape. It is made of glass fibre covered with a thin layer of foam and a black or brown upholstered and washable covering and it is kept in place in the small of the back by straps which fasten round the waist.

Made-to-measure, the support can be used in the car, in a plane, or on any chair and costs £110, including the consultation and postal delivery. Those who subscribe to private medical insurance can recover £50 of the consultation fee.

The Teles Clinic has also started a Back School which offers lunchtime and after-work classes to help people help their backs — £25 for five sessions. Or you could simply adopt Stephen Eisenstein's number one rule — get help.

"The human spine is not designed to cope with significant weights. No one should try to lift anything more than 55lb", he says.

"Lifting something out of the car boot is one of the commonest causes for back pain — you can't bend your knees because the pumper is in the way. It is better to kneel on the bumper if it is clean enough, so that you lift vertically rather than when you are bending. People are simply too impatient these days. It may sound impractical but the best way to avoid back strain is to wait until someone is available to give you a hand."

ADDRESS BOOK
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Pin pointing the Quartzo: the Quartzo (above) eases pain with static electricity; £85 at Anatomia from May. Right, the Backfriend for chair or car; £29.95 (£2 p&p) from Chester-care.

Illustrations by Geoff Sims

THE TIMES COOK

Diana Leighton



Ghee whiz — it's best on the scales

Fresh food bargains are no everyday event. With highly perishable exceptions like strawberries and peaches in glut the stuff being sold off cheaply is rarely the best. So our bit of the EEC butter mountain turns out to be better than your average bargain.

For reasons best understood by the marketing men, it has been labelled with a new bit of terminology and called concentrated butter. Cooks might recognize how useful it is more readily if it were marked clarified butter or ghee, but perhaps that is quibbling. At 51p for a 250g pack it is about half the price of ordinary butter.

Concentrated butter is unsalted, and the milk solids and most of the moisture present in fresh butter have been removed. This gives it a much longer shelf-life than fresh butter and, even more useful from the cook's point of view, renders it virtually non-stick for frying.

The speed with which butter burns is one of the first lessons every cook learns when the knob that was meant to be melting turns brown in an instant. The milk solids are the culprit, and without them the temperature of butter can be raised much higher before it begins to burn.

Concentrated butter is not suitable for the very high temperatures used in deep frying, but it is ideal for sautéing and for cooking fish *à la meunière*, indeed for any dish of this type where the taste of butter is wanted.

Concentrated butter is also better than fresh for sealing terrines and pâtés and for making and sealing poached fish and meats.

In baking, its principal advantage is price. When converting conventional recipes, the adjustment suggested is to cut the proportion of fresh butter by 25 per cent when substituting concentrated butter, and make up the difference by adding a little extra liquid. Concentrated butter produces good results in short pastry but I have not tried it yet in full puff pastry or brioche and doubt its suitability for either.

The EEC concentrated butter is being sold by all branches of Sainsbury, Waitrose, Asda, Sainsbury and Tesco and by some branches of Co-op and Fine Fare.

Sole is the fish that is most often served *à la meunière* (literally in the manner of the miller's wife) but of course plaice and other flat fish are equally suitable as are whole white fish or trout. Flat fish should be cleaned, and the head and the skin on the dark side of the fish removed. Trout can be cleaned and cooked whole.

The attractiveness of fish cooked this way is the thin crisp coating of flour cooked in butter complementing firm succulent fish inside. So it is a dish best cooked for one or

two people at a time and served immediately.

Sole meunière
Serves two
2 Dover soles
2 tablespoons milk
55g (2oz) seasoned flour
80g (3oz) clarified or concentrated butter
30g (1oz) fresh butter
1 lemon
A few sprigs of parsley

About 10 minutes before cooking the fish, moisten them with milk and dip them in the flour.

Heat the clarified butter in a frying pan until very hot, but not smoking, and put in the fish. Cook them until the coating is golden brown on one side, then turn and cook the other side.

Transfer the cooked fish to a hot serving dish and pour the clarified or concentrated butter from the pan. (Like oil, it can be strained and used again.) Wipe the pan clean and add the fresh butter. Heat the butter until it froths and turns pale brown. Immediately pour it over the fish and serve at once with lemon wedges and sprigs of parsley.

Char, a member of the salmon family found in the deep lakes of north-west England, has traditionally been preserved by potting.

It was served, with hot toast, for breakfast. Trout may be substituted for char and served as a first course or supper dish.

Potted trout
Serves six to eight
Four plump trout
Salt
Ground mace
Ground cloves
Cayenne pepper
Clarified or concentrated butter, see method

Choose a dish which will hold the fish snugly in one layer when they are arranged head to tail. There must be room for a sealing layer of butter to cover the fish.

Wash and gut the trout, removing the gills and taking out the backbone in one piece with the ribs. Season to taste with a mixture of salt, mace, cloves and cayenne, being careful not to overdo the cloves which can be overpowering.

Lay the fish on their backs in a buttered ovenproof dish and spread about a tablespoon of clarified or fresh butter on each. Cover and bake in a preheated cool oven (150°C/300°F, gas mark 2) for about an hour. Allow to cool.

Drain the fish and arrange them on their bellies, head to tail, in the potting dish. Heat the clarified or concentrated butter to lukewarm and pour it over the fish to cover them completely. Tap the dish sharply to release any air bubbles. Leave until quite cold.

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DRINK

Freshest finds for the spring

Spring it may be, but the British are still wrapped up in comforting winter robes. April is a difficult month for white wines. Most merchants have long since run out of last year's everyday whites and are anxiously waiting for the first of the '86s.

Happily a few far-sighted merchants are already stocking the first wines of the new vintage. There are a few disadvantages to drinking wines which have only just been bottled and shipped as they may not be at their best.

At a recent tasting which Anthony Hanson from Haynes, Hanson & Clarke put on for me, we tasted four just-shipped white and red '86s.

The first was a dry white Bordeaux — the 1985 Chateau Peyroulet from Pierre Coste of Languedoc in the Graves. It was refreshing, green and spicy on the palate, but had an off-putting almost aniseed scent (£3.19). The next wine, the white '85 Chateau Thalesley also from Bordeaux, made by

Monsieur Courcelle, suffered from similar problems. This '85 Sauvignon had a very odd, almost nutty, on the palate, its many green celery-like charms made a delicious mouthful (£3.68). Having tasted these whites in Bordeaux, Anthony Hanson was convinced that both were merely showing the symptoms of recent bottling which would disappear in a month or so.

The two red wines in the tasting were both in fine form although they had also only just been shipped. I much enjoyed the '85 Bordeaux Rouge, again from Pierre Coste, a straight *appellation contrôlée* charet with a rich, plummy taste, definitely a good buy at £3.45 a bottle. The last wine in the line-up

was the best. A delightfully ripe, elegant, fruity '85 Beaujolais Villages, the Cuvée de Soit from Vins Dessalès. Its pretty carmine colour and classic Beaujolais nose and taste are bound to appeal to everyone. (Haynes, Hanson & Clarke, 17 Lettice Street, London SW6; 36 Kensington Church Street, London W8; £3.87).

Majestic Wine Warehouses also have a range of 1985 wines in stock and are busily incorporating them into their new wine list (write to Majestic at Colina House, Colina Mews, London N15, for a copy).

In the meantime Majestic's excellent Haut Poitou Cabernet Rosé, is priced at a temptingly low £2.69. Don't be put off by its brilliant fluorescent pink; unlike the flabby style of an Anjou rosé, this Haut Poitou pink was firm, dry and full of fruit and flavour.

Haut Poitou's Sauvignon 1985 (also available at Majestic and from London Wine Brokers, 15 Lots Road, London SW10, for £2.79) is blessed with a fresh bouquet

Jane MacQuitty

IN THE GARDEN

Trees that burst with blossom

The spectacular flowering cherry, part of the *Prunus* family, can be so covered with blossom that it is almost impossible to see the young foliage which is just bursting.

Any good garden soil, which is not heavy or waterlogged, or extremely alkaline or acidic, will suit most varieties. They should have some chalk, and most varieties like an open position but should be protected from prevailing winds in the spring. The paler colours do best if they have an open site but are protected from strong midday sun.

Prunus Tai Haku, the Great White cherry, has bronzed leaves which open in April, and large white flowers which can be about 3in across. It grows to a height of up to 25ft.

P. Amanogawa (also called the Lombardy cherry) has a distinctly upright habit with frantically semi-double pink flowers in late April/May. It is ideal for smaller gardens.

Shirofugen, a spreading cherry has reddish-bronze foliage and pale pink flowers with a deeper pink blotch in the centre. *P. Kansan* matures

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A box hedge, 30 to 40 years old, has become very top heavy, with the lower foliage thin and sparse. Is there any way to get the hedge to thicken out?

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QUESTION TIME
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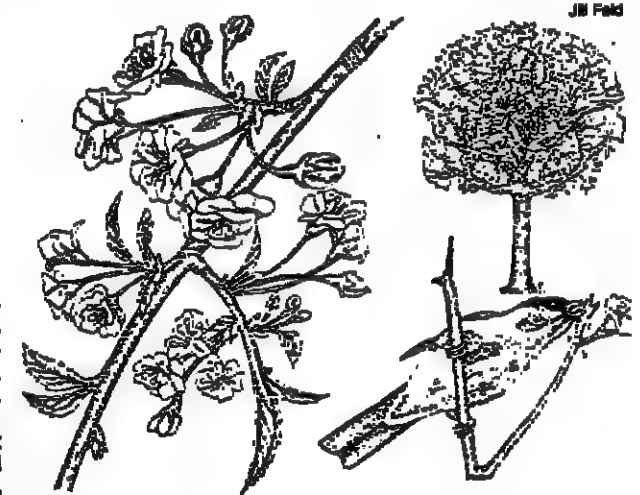
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P. Ukon has unusual greenish-yellow flowers. Not a vigorous tree, but it fits into a small garden very nicely. *P. Shirofugen* has clear white flowers which are semi-double and fragrant. It has a spreading habit and so needs room to develop.

P. Ichiyo is an ideal specimen, with its double pale pink flowers. It will reach about 25ft, with a spreading head. *P. Fugenzo*, similar to the *Kansan*, has lovely double pink flowers which open in early May, and an open habit.

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REVIEW

A dog's life and ghastly cat tales

The Great Cat Massacre by Robert Darnton (Penguin, £5.95)

The manual workers and peasants of 18th-century France who, according to a chronicler of Montpellier in 1768, made up the fourth and fifth estates of the *ancien régime*, were largely obsessed with toothache.

Robert Darnton's exploration of French cultural history adopts the anthropological mode and finds its sources in obscure neglected corners of archive deposits and library stacks.

The Princeton professor's first sortie into the customs of the people is an investigation of the traditional tales they told among themselves which were mostly concerned with food and eating. As he explains, the tales instructed peasants how the world was put together, and coping with it.

Such is the character of the Mother Goose stories, Perrault's *Contes de ma mère l'oye* of 1697 and, progressively, of the other tales current at the end of the 18th century.

Whereas contemporary German tales were notable for



The "First stage of cruelty" by Hogarth showing cats being strung up and a dog tortured

their cruelty, Darnton remarks that French stories were distinguished by their craftiness and their earliness. They take place in an intensely human world, where faring, de-lousing, rolling in the hay, and tossing on the dung heap express the passions, values, interests and

attitudes of a peasant society now extinct. Darnton's sources are not the minutes of great councils, the diaries of secretaries of state, nor the memoirs of kings' intimates; rather they are the popular folk-tales and parochial accounts written by apprentices about local

events, and the minutiae from dusty records penned by some minor official. Nicolas Contat, a printing-shop apprentice, described his own local difficulty in his summary of the Great Cat Massacre of the Rue Saint-Severin in Paris, in which he and his fellow artisan,

Léveillé, killed with great barbarity all the neighbourhood cats they could find. They then strung them up on gallows. Of course, cats counted for nothing in those days. There was no animal rights conscience, and the incident was symbolic of what the apprentices could not do to the printer and his wife.

It was a printing workers' revolt, a minor Wapping dispute, and the massacre was thereafter re-enacted many times as a *feu de joie* and became a focal point distinguishing the comfortable lot of the bourgeois from that of the labourers, hacks and journeymen.

Professor Darnton has spent his time in the byways of history and writes clearly and elegantly about minor figures. It is a distinguished and absorbing book about the way people behaved under the *ancien régime* — not about mega-stars like the Duc de Richelieu, but rather ordinary people, supplicants, who were made to cool their heels in his antechamber.

It is an alternative history, much closer to the roots of society. **Brian Martin**

Rebels without a cause or country

The Engineer of Human Souls by Josef Skvorecky (Picador, £3.95)

The title, *The Engineer of Human Souls*, suggests a grim tone, but Skvorecky — a great bonus for someone writing about big and tragic events — has a definite sense of humour. His natural voice is highly intelligent, wry, ironic.

He also has an ability to present history in small settings. The novel's form is fragmented, picturesque, moving backwards and forwards in time, in and out of Prague and Canada. Gradually the reader senses a force bigger than the individual, in this case a sequence of events sweeping middle Europe, and history stops being abstract.

The novel is set in Canada, where the narrator, Danny, is a famous Czech author (shades of the author). Quickly we flick back 30 years to Czechoslovakia under the Gestapo regime. The youthful Danny is a clever libertine: he does foolish things to help the Resistance that don't help; he has a love affair with a factory girl called Nadia. The Germans go, the Russians arrive; there is a new orthodoxy and new penalties.

Back safely in the present, Canada is a bland Utopia where thought is free but life is a little antiseptic. Memories of middle Europe constantly intrude: sharp, clear, in bolder colours. Formally, the broken narrative is ingenious and analogous to Danny's state of mind: the past rises with a cogency that grips from inside and against which the Canadian university seems cinematic, unreal.

The Engineer of Human Souls is a monument to the exile's life with two unfriendly halves, past and present, that do not cleave. This portrait

extends to exiled Czech friends of Danny. Skvorecky shows us their drinking, their melancholy and mirth. He suggests beautifully the gap between affluent America and these emigrants who cannot forget their past, who keep telling stories about it, and who have left their hearts behind. They give a different feel of old, difficult Europe.

An historical picture is built by the narrative device of letters. We follow a scattering of Czechs throughout the post-war decades, all over the world and through various changes such as the Prague Spring. They all confide in Danny, the great Danny. "You see, Danny, the truth is..." He is the wise, knowing listener. Their musings on politics conveniently extend the world picture, which feels artificial, and one gets a little tired of Danny's omniscience.

For Danny is a trifle self-satisfied as he sits in Canada, teaching his pupils about literature, but most of all about life with a capital L. He is aware of the intriguing picture he presents to the undergraduates (trifling emigrant novelist with tough, tragic, Resistance past); and in this way Skvorecky defends him with irony, but it's no use: Danny-boy, as he is known, is too faultily perfect. No milkable paragraph he: he is the Byronic flawed hero.

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One jump ahead of the enemy

FILMS ON TV

The 1950 film, *The Wooden Horse* (Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.15 pm-12.10 am) was the first of what became a spate of POW escape stories, and it is still one of the most enthralling and effective. It laid down the formula that was to be followed successfully by *The Colditz Story*, *Stalag 17* and *The Great Escape*, and unsuccessfully by a host of clones.

The Wooden Horse introduced us to escape committees, moon-bathing, shouts of "Achtung" and "Appel", with escaped Englishmen wandering around enemy territory looking for food. But the effect of the film and its successors went deeper than mere enjoyment — these films defined a German stereotype which, unfairly, has persisted.

The film, directed by Jack Lee, tells the true story of an escape from Stalag Luft 3, in which Eric Williams, who wrote the screenplay, from his book about it, participated. It remains almost beyond belief that the German guards did not suspect the tunnel being dug under the vaulting horse.

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On your marks: PoWs Anthony Steel, Bill Travers, David Tomlinson and Michael Goodliffe get set to dig for freedom behind schedule and beyond budget.

Fortunately none of this shows up on screen. David Tomlinson, Leo Genn and

Anthony Steel played their lead roles with conviction and there is tension, pace — and humour — throughout. **Marcel Berlins**

RECOMMENDED *The Revolt of Job* (1983): Sensitive Hungarian film, telling of a Jewish couple who adopt a Christian orphan as the Nazis approach (Channel 4, Thurs, 9.30-11.25 pm).

The Brother from Another Planet (1984): Uneven but frequently funny racial sci-fi comedy about a black alien fugitive who lands in New York (Channel 4, Fri, 11.15 pm-1.10 am).

The Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover (1978): Entertaining bio-pic of the sinister FBI chief, Brockway Crawford suitably gross in the lead role (BBC 1, Fri, 11.45 pm-1.30 am).

*First television showing.

TELEVISION A feast of programmes celebrate the Queen's birthday on Monday: *The Queen's Birthday*, a service of thanksgiving, (BBC 1, 11.15 am-12.20 pm); *Royal Heritage* (BBC 1, 3.40pm); *The Queen's Birthday*, greetings from the young (BBC 1, 4.05-4.45 pm); *Happy Birthday Dear Mamma*, a profile, (BBC 1, 7.35-9 pm); *Sanfara* for Elizabeth, a concert at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (ITV, 8-9.30 pm and 10-11 pm).

There's a grueling 17 days of coverage of the 1986 World Snooker Championships on BBC 2, starting tonight at 5.30 pm.

Kenneth Williams steps into Wogan's shoes this week (BBC 1, Mon, Wed and Fri 7-7.40 pm), while Spike Milligan unburdens himself in *Spike* (Channel 4, tonight, 11 pm-12).

Vladimir Horowitz, the 83-year-old Russian-born pianist gives a concert at the Moscow Conservatory (BBC 2, tomorrow, 5.15-7.15 pm), broadcast simultaneously in stereo on Radio 3.

At the other end of the musical scale, The Eurovision Song Contest will be previewed tomorrow (BBC 1, 4.30-5.05 pm). **Bob Williams**

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the crowds watching the royal procession to and from the chapel, and inside will be Robert Hudson.

Tomorrow, there is a double dose of royalty, when the Duke of Edinburgh is the guest on *It's Your World* (Radio 4, 12.10-1pm). He will, however, be wearing his World Wildlife Fund rather than his Ducal hat for this international

phone-in. Later in the day, The Monarchy in Britain (Radio 4, 8.30-9.00pm) reaches its half-way point, looking at the Crown Jewels.

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John McEwan, Gwent (Hatchards, Picaadilly)

M.J. Latchen, Herefordshire (The Midland Educational Bookshop, Worcester)

Jane Looney, Isle of Man (Lexicon Bookshop, Isle of Man)

The winners of prize concise No 923 are: Alison R. Jones, Dorehouse, Bristol; and J.S. Davies, Langlands Road, Cullompton, Devon.

SOLUTION TO NO 923 (last Saturday's prize concise)
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BRIDGE

Enough time to pull a fast one

The amiable Dogberry and the Piranha had been engaged in a long drawn-out battle against the cantankerous Gerald Carp and Eustace, the Duffer of Duffers. To accommodate Dogberry's determination not to be late, it was agreed to play two more hands.

This was the first: Rubber Bridge Game All Dealer South

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♦ A92
♣ A92

♠ A84
♥ KQ543
♦ K10
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favourable lie of the diamond suit, left without waiting for Eustace to take his victory bow. Eustace took the lead in hand and played the Q7, covered by the Piranha with the Q9. When the Q7 won Eustace returned to hand with a top heart and played the Q10. The Piranha played the Q2. Eustace, who had already suffered from Carp's acid tongue, was desperate to avoid any more scathing comments. "Once the nine has gone, surely it is a guess whether to let the 10 run or go up with dummy's King".

He agonized. The Q10 lost to East's Q1, and the spade return turned. 10 tricks into seven.

"Sorry, partner, how could I tell?" Eustace asked pathetically. "Did you seriously suppose that anyone would contribute the Q9 from the QJ9x on the first round?"

Carp replied, with a malevolent look at the Piranha. The Piranha was silkily dealing the next hand.

"Why did you double?" Dogberry enquired.

"To stop you warning them of the impending ruff by making a Lightning Double," the Piranha answered quickly.

"If you hadn't redoubled I would have rescued to six no trumps," Eustace stammered.

Carp's reply was barely audible. It did not sound polite.

Jeremy Flint

One spectator, noting the

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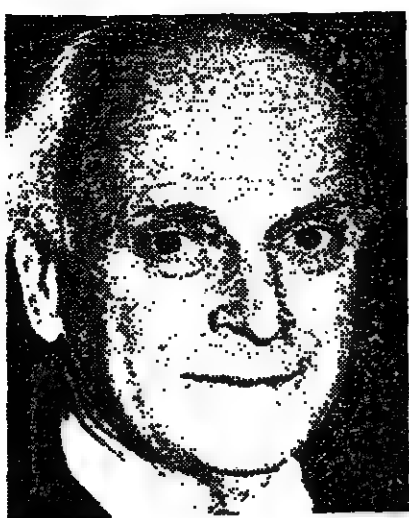
This week to mark the 40th anniversary of his death I give one of Alekhine's most brilliant games.

Notes to the following game are based on those by C.H.O'D. Alexander in his excellent book on *Alekhine's Best Games 1938-1945*.

White: Alekhine; Black: Jungo, Prague 1942, Catalan Opening.

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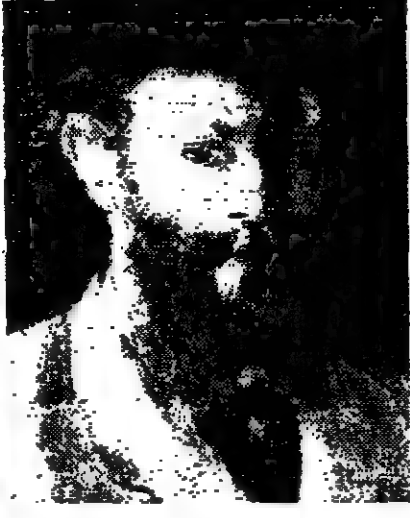
CONCERTS

BOWMAN'S BIRTHDAY: Sir Yehudi Menuhin who is 70 next week solos in Beethoven's Violin Concerto and, with Mstislav Rostropovich, in Brahms's Concerto for violin and cello. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191). Tuesday, 7.30pm.



FILMS

FILM OF PAINT: Derek Jarman's long-awaited *Caravaggio* (18), about the 16th-century painter, was filmed with economic verve in a converted warehouse on the Isle of Dogs. Nigel Terry plays the artist hero. Lumiere (01-836 0691). From Thursday.



GALLERIES

UNDER TONES: Edouard Manet cheerfully placed naked ladies beside buttoned-up men. However his effects were the result of painstaking preparation. Courtauld Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, London W1 (01-278 2345). From Wednesday.



TELEVISION

GALA OCCASION: Placido Domingo makes his first European Opera House appearance of the year when he sings in *Fanfare for Elizabeth*, a celebration of the Queen's birthday at Covent Garden which is to be televised live. ITV, Monday, 8-9.30pm and 10-11pm.



BOOKS

PIERLESS PROSE: Ray Bradbury has written his first novel for 23 years, *Death is a Lonely Business* (Grafton, £9.95). Set in California in 1949, it involves the closing down of an amusement pier and deals with a carnival of grotesques, from a fat diva to an ageing film star.



OPERA

FABLED FRENCH: Neil Shicoff leads the cast of John Schlesinger's production of *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* conducted by Charles Dutoit. Samuel Harvey sings all four villains. Royal Opera House, London WC2 (01-240 1066). Tuesday and Friday at 7pm.

THE TIMES CHOICE

THEATRE

OPENINGS

ANGRY HOUSEWIVES: Delayed opening for A. M. Collins and Chad Henry's US rock musical, now featuring Beilene Lang, Diane Langton, Mary Maddox and Louise Gold. Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2311). From Tues.

H.M.S. PINAFORE: Bill Whelan's musical adaptation of the Gilbert & Sullivan original reaches London. Old Vic (01-928 7616). Preview Tues. Opens Wed. Until May 31.

SELECTED

THE THREE SISTERS: Mike Alfreds's mannered, emotionally bleak production elicits fine performances from Chloe Salaman, Leslee Udwin and Philip Voss. (Bloomsbury 01-387 9829)

MEDEA: Eileen Atkins makes an impassioned and compellingly sympathetic wronged wife in Toby Robertson's stark version of Euripides. Young Vic (01-928 6363)

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: The Life of Galileo: Howard Brenton's translation of the Bertolt Brecht biographical drama. Theatre Royal, Old Vic (0272 24388). Opens Wed. Until May 17.



STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The *Winter's Tale*. Jeremy Irons (above), Gillian Barge, Joe Melia, Raymond Bowers, Richard Easton, head a cast directed by Terry Hands. Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews Fri, Apr 26, 28, 29. Opens Apr 30. In repertory.

FILMS

OPENINGS

MADE IN LONDON: Two extraordinary gems open the Museum of London's 11th season of films from the National Film Archive. Jessie Matthews in *There Goes the Bride* (Tues, 6.10pm) and the domestic drama *Little Friend* (Thurs, 6.10pm) directed by Berthold Viertel.

Museum of London (01-600 3698). From Tues.

MARIE (15): Sissy Spacek stars as the spunky real-life heroine dismissed from her parole board job after sniffling out political corruption. ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6273). ABC Fulham Road (01-370 2636). From Fri.

SELECTED

A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG): James Ivory's treatment of E. M. Forster's novel offers elegance, good acting, bloodlessness. With Helena Bonham Carter. Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737).

RAN (15): Kurosawa's majestic variation on King Lear. Curzon West End (01-439 4805).

CONCERTS

VERDI'S REQUIEM: performed by the London Choral Society, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and soloists under Jane Glover. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8755, credit cards 01-638 8891). Today, 8pm.

RECONSTRUCTED SULLIVAN: Julian Lloyd Webber solos in Sullivan's latest rediscovered Cello Concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra under Sir Charles Mackerras. Also Sullivan's *Di Bello Overture* and Elgar's "Enigma" variations. Barbican Centre, Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ALL BEETHOVEN: Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphonies Nos 2 and 3 "Eroica". Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Mon, 7.30pm.

JOHN OGDON plays Busoni's *Fantasia Contrapuntistica*, Liszt's *Dante Sonata* and Beethoven's *Piano Sonata Op 109*. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Wed, 7.45pm.

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: A week of lively variety, typical of the company's stirring repertoire. On Fri at 7pm the British stage premiere of Busoni's morality play, *Doctor Faustus*, produced by David Pountney and conducted by Mark Elder. Thomas Allen takes the title role, with Graham Clark as Mephistopheles, Eileen Hannan and Arthur Davies as the Duke and Duchess of Parma. On Wed and Apr 26 at 7.30pm two more chances to see Valerie Masterson in *The Merry Widow*, while

Elijah Moshinsky's colourful song-and-dance production of Smetana's *The Bartered Bride* continues its run on Thurs at 7.30pm. Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

ROCK AND JAZZ



GREENPEACE: Performing in support of conservation are Kim Wilde (above) and Nik Kershaw on Mon, Lloyd Cole (Tues), Echo and the Bunnymen (Thurs) and the Cure (Fri). Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri, Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212)

ARILD ANDERSEN: Long associated with the ECM label's chamber jazz, the Norwegian bassist leads a group including the drummer Jon Christensen. Tonight, Exeter Arts Centre (0392 218188); Mon, Glenda Jackson Theatre, Birkenhead (051653 5555); Tues, Corner House, Newcastle (091 263 0091); Wed, Leadmill Arts Centre, Sheffield (0742 754500); Thurs, Band on the Wall, Manchester (061 834 5109); Fri, Dovecot Arts Centre, Stockton (0642 611625).

TEMPTATIONS: Eddie Kendricks, David Ruffin and Dennis Edwards, the lead singers of their classic records, are long gone, but the breeding should still show through in their replacements. Tonight, St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236); tomorrow, Spectrum Arena, Warrington (0925 813700); Mon, Birmingham Odeon (021 643 6101); Tues, Ipswich Gaumont (0473 556411); Wed, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 472328); Thurs, Poole Arts Centre (0202 670521).

DANCE

EXTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: a work by Extemporary's artistic director Emyl Claid, *Pier Rides*, made in collaboration with the musicians Kate and Mike Westbrook, has its London premiere Tues, opening a two week season. Shaw Theatre (01-388 7727) Tues-May 3.

ROYAL BALLET: Gelsey Kirkland dances Juliet at

Covent Garden tonight. On Thurs, David Bintley's *Sons of Horus*, new this season, is given with Ashton's *Birthday Offering* and *Month in the Country*. Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: is at the New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 324468) today with *Coppelia*, then the Liverpool Empire (051 7091555) with *Coppelia* Mon-Thurs and a programme Fri and April 26 of two virtuoso ballets, *La Bayadere* and *Etudes*, with Christopher Bruce's dramatic *Land*.

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

ART POETRY: An anthology of 50 poems responding to work at the Tate Gallery is published this week, at the culmination of a series of poetry events. The poems provide a novel gallery guide. *With a Poet's Eye* is published on Monday at £5.95, and can be bought at the gallery. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313).

PRINT 86: 200 works from every area of printmaking, including etching, drypoint and lithography, in fund-raising exhibition for the Printmakers' Council, Barbican Centre Gallery, London EC2 (01-638 4141) from Thurs.

SICKERT: Islington Libraries' fine collection of paintings, drawings and etchings by Richard Walter Sickert, boosted by two major paintings from Norwich. Norwich School of Art, St George St, Norwich (0603 610561) from Mon.

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ICON AND REVOLUTION: Painting, drawing, prints and posters from the Weimar Republic, seen in their social context. Milton Keynes Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes (0906 605500).

HAYWARD ANNUAL: This year's survey of the best in contemporary British art has our stars - Richard Deacon, Gilbert & George and Christopher Le Brun - put in a European context, sharing walls with works by Baselitz and Mario Merz. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3144).

ALFRED GILBERT: Sculpture both monumental and minute by the Victorian genius who made Eros. Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052).

DAVID HOCKNEY: Brightly-coloured lithographs demonstrating Hockney's latest enthusiasm. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313).

LAND OF OZ: One hundred years of Australian photography. Fascinating glimpse of life down under. The Gallery, New South Wales House, 66 Strand, London WC2.

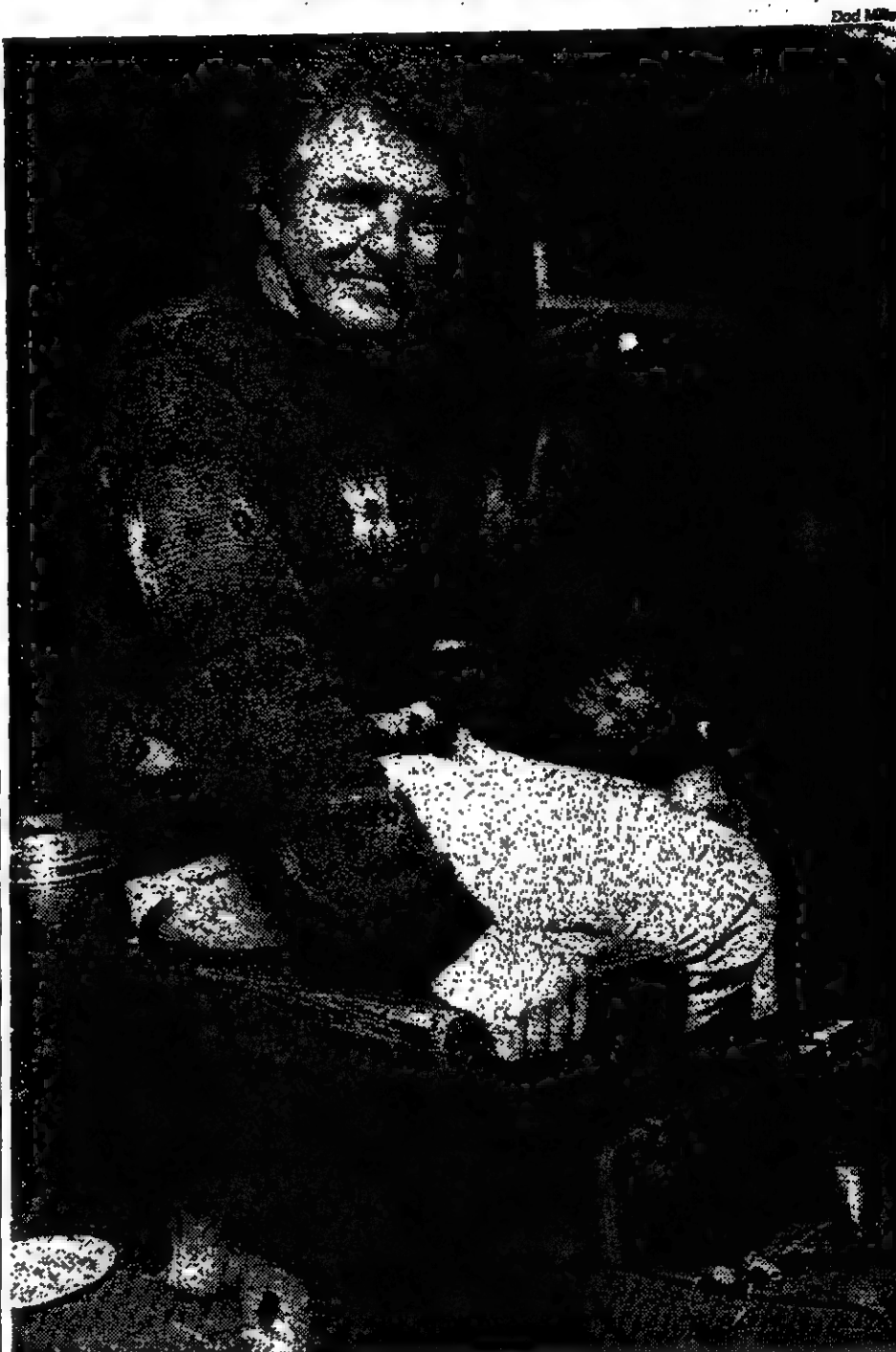
DAVID GOLDBLATT: One of the strongest photographers to emerge from South Africa, he documents the lives of those who have suffered under apartheid. The Photographers Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (01-240 1959).

MUSICALS

Hal Prince is directing *Phantom of the Opera*, not *Chess* as suggested by the caption in last Saturday's article on musicals. The production will be designed by Maria Bjornson and not John Napier.

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Photography: Michael Young; Films: Geoff Brown; Dance: John Percival; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Concerts: Max Harrison; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

Off the straight and narrow



Denis Quilley has never been the kind of actor to balk at taking risks. Choosing instead to spread his performer's net widely and willingly. He says he has always played "wildly different" parts, jumping from one medium to another -

"which is probably why, after almost 40 years, I still actually enjoy it", he confides, "because I've never got into a rut, never been typecast."

His latest coup continues this tradition: the homosexual character of Georges in the much fêted, award-winning Broadway musical, *La Cage aux Folles*.

Quilley, an extrovert, ebullient man dressed in a multi-coloured jersey and light trousers, breaks from rehearsals to enthuse about the show. Despite its central theme, the long-standing relationship between two male homosexuals, *La Cage* is "a straight-down-the-middle traditional Broadway musical. It really is a family show", he stresses, "not a love affair, but an old, comfortable 'marriage' between two rather sweet middle-aged men."

Unlike Terri Dennis in *Private in Paradise*, an "outrageously camp drag queen", Georges is steady, secure, non-camp. Quilley, heterosexual and married, finds him even more of a challenge than Terri Dennis. "To play the part believably and yet remain within the framework of a show which will appeal to a family who have come to see a colourful, splashy musical", Quilley's wife, Stella, is a former actress who now teaches and has her own production company. They have three children, two of whom are involved in "backstage" theatrical work.

Quilley saw the show twice in New York before agreeing to do it, and recalls the matinee audience "full of coachloads of middle-aged ladies with blue rinses and Edna Everage glasses. They adored it - stood up and cheered at the end."

"It does win over the most

that category: "I just slot Georges in instead of Stella!" The richly resonant voice breaks into a huge guffaw, transforming his square, craggy features. He is a stockily-built man with greying, crinkly hair and bags of energy, very necessary for *La Cage*.

Quilley is no stranger to musicals and has sung since he was a boy. In his twenties Wendy Toye urged him to have lessons so he would get leading parts. "She's absolutely right, I did." First, he learned "a lot of lieder and stuff" with a Vienna teacher. Later, while playing in *Irina La Douce* on Broadway, he studied with an Italian who "opened me up a lot more and got me less fussy about making beautiful sounds and more concerned with just getting it right, clear, strong and loud."

When I was at the Old Vic when the National was there, Larry Olivier's room was just opposite mine. I used to start this: 'imitation, la-la-la-la-warm-up and he'd stick his head out of the window and call up to the other dressing rooms and say: 'Quilley's in!'

A decade or so ago he did several operatic broadcasts on the Third Programme, tackling 18th-century ballad operas as well as some much tougher, modern works. Directing holds little appeal for him. "What I really enjoy doing is acting, and I wouldn't want to get sidetracked."

Quilley, 58, is a theatre man at heart. "I think that to anybody of my age or older who started in the theatre when there was no television, the theatre will always be home. It's a cliché, but there is no substitute for a live audience. The thrill of hearing thousands of people laughing, or applauding all at once, in the flesh, is something which the mechanical media simply can't give you."

Veronica Harvey

La Cage aux Folles is in preview from Tues at the London Palladium (01-437 7373).

ARTSDIARY

Pirouette with a pen

Two months short of her 88th birthday, Dame Ninette de Valois has started out on the career she always wished she'd followed. She has become a writer.

The legendary founder of the Royal Ballet has belatedly discovered an extraordinary talent for short story writing. Her first offering, *Winter Night*, is a delicate and moving vignette of a moment in her Irish childhood, to be published in *Harpers & Queen* next month.

"I always wanted to write, far more than dance", she says. "What I am writing now are sketches of people, scribbled in pen when I am on a train or plane. Then I take them home and start endlessly correcting them. I have to get friends to tell me when to stop." Immensely shy of this new-found talent, she simply consigns the finished work to a drawer, convinced they can be of no merit at all.

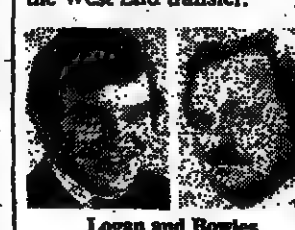
Beatle backing

Unlike his stepmother Yoko Ono, who was studiously ignored by the former Beatles when she played her debut concert in London last month, Julian Lennon will have the support of Paul, George and Ringo when he plays his first major British date at the Royal Albert Hall next month. The lad meanwhile is furiously burningish his act somewhere in the depths of Texas.

Open balls clearly do not enjoy seeing their idols being made flesh. The lives of both Verdi and Puccini have been the unhappy subject of musical documentaries in West End in an attempt to exploit the theatre/opera camp, but have both slipped on the same banana-skin. Both *Cafe Puccini* and *After Verdi* will close tonight.

Double bill

Gathering dust these past 30 years, John Osborne's patchy but moving *envoy* to the music hall, *The Entertainer*, is suddenly being taken out on the road by not one but two actors. Peter Bowles, the urbane star of *Lyton's Diary*, makes a startling Archie Rice, the part created originally by Lord Olivier. Meanwhile comic Jimmy Logan is also touring the part north of the border. Each is keeping a beady eye on the other's press notices, but Osborne himself is treating them equally. Having watched Bowles's Archie at Leicester one day last week, he drove furiously north to Stirling to witness Logan's interpretation. Both stars report to me enthusiastic responses from the perpetually curious author, but in the end Bowles is the winner: he wins the West End transfer.



Logan and Bowles

Curtains up

Helene Hanft, the feisty but impecunious New York scriptwriter who, in *84 Charing Cross Road*, taught the English more about their culture than they ever learned at school, can finally give up her hermit-like existence. Royalists from the film version - bought by Mel Brooks for his wife Anne Bancroft and being filmed here this week at Shepperton with Anthony Hopkins - have meant that at last she need never worry about the rent on the apartment in which she has camped since 1958. "I might be able to change the drapes now", she says. "They're made out of men's trouser material - great for keeping out the draughts but not quite Laura Ashley."

Christopher Wilson

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US used 'near blackmail' in Libyan raid

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Lord Carver, former Chief of the Defence Staff, yesterday accused the United States Administration of using near blackmail against Mrs Thatcher in order to launch the Libyan attack from British bases.

He said it was hypocritical and unwise to try to justify the American action as self-defence defined in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

"Hypocritical, because that article was clearly never intended to cover anything like this, and unwise because it opened the door to its abuse," he said.

"I sympathize with them (the government) in their moral dilemma, in which they were placed by what can only be described as the near blackmail of the statement that if the F111s were not used there would be a greater risk both to civilians near the targets and to the US air crews."

Lord Carver said during a Lords debate on Libya that military advisers, if asked for advice, would have warned that the attack could make terrorism worse and direct some of it against Britain.

It could range Arab opinion behind Gaddafi in Libya, north Africa and the Middle East. Lord Carver said that Britain would be separated from her European allies, making it less likely they could be persuaded to take more

effective anti-terrorist measures.

In any future anti-American terrorist attacks, the United States would have much less sympathy.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, questioned the legality and wisdom of the raid. He said: "You have to isolate terrorist groups from their allies and you have to keep the high moral ground because terrorism feeds on a distorted sense of self-righteousness. The US action fails on all three counts."

"We have got ourselves into this mess, and now we have to look to the future for a constructive way forward. Somehow we have got to help our American friends see that some problems can be, and must be, tackled in a lower key."

Some ministers and Conservative MPs were privately dreading the effect involvement in the attack will have on local and two parliamentary by-elections on May 8.

Four years ago, the Falklands victory resulted in sweeping local election successes for Mrs Thatcher's Government. Some Tories believe the raid will have the reverse effect.

Senior ministers were well aware that while President Reagan was gaining kudos from the affair, Mrs Thatcher's government was attracting political odium.

Labour 'to veto' US

By Our Lobby Reporter

A future Labour government would take immediate action to regulate the presence of US forces in Britain and ensure a physical veto over the use of base facilities.

The party's national executive committee said in a statement yesterday that this week's events had shown how vital it was to re-establish British control over US nuclear forces.

"The use of US bases in Britain, for non-Nato pur-

poses, calls into question the Reagan Administration's understanding of the Atlantic alliance - and Mrs Thatcher's willingness and ability to restrict their use to the defence of Britain and Europe."

The bombing of Libyan cities was unjustified under international law and the United Nations charter. "It was not immediate, appropriate, or proportionate to the threat posed by Colonel Gaddafi."



Colonel Gaddafi reassuring a casualty of the American bombing raid during a visit to a Tripoli hospital.

Jordanian used his real name

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1970s, and one of them, Mr Dugan Hindawi, chairs the Iraq Solidarity Campaign in Jordan. One of his brothers trained as a chartered accountant in Britain.

"After a couple of months he came to me and said he wanted to be a sub-editor, but I didn't think he had the calibre. I said no. He got upset and locked the typewriter up as a protest. So I sacked him."

"He was not very popular with his colleagues. He never talked about politics; he only talked about himself."

Although he did not dispute his dismissal, Mr Hindawi was cited and appeared as a witness when another employee of *Al-Arab* took his case to the Industrial Tribunal.

Hurd steps into jail dispute

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, has intervened in the jail dispute to try to prevent industrial action by prison officers.

He has invited the national executive committee of their association to meet him on Monday. Mr Hurd told MPs on Thursday: "We do not seek confrontation. Our chief of-



Mr Hurd: "We do not seek confrontation"

ports over the coming days, as in the last few weeks, will continue to be directed to resolving the dispute."

The prison officers hope that the difference between the two sides can be resolved to their satisfaction. So far the Home Office has said there should only be discussion about manning levels. Instead of discussion, the Prison Officers Association wants negotiation.

Behind the argument are two bitterly opposed and incompatible points of view. Prisoners, which are part of a demand-led penal system - it has to cope with the criminals caught and sentenced - are being made subject to strict financial discipline. Management, as in the police, has become deeply concerned with value for money, though much more is being spent on jails.

In the prisons, the managers are insisting they must have the final say on manning. For them the dispute is about who runs the prisons.

The prison officers say they do not challenge the right of managers to manage. But the safety of jails is being put at risk, their members are being put in danger, and, because of financial restrictions, the life of the prisoner is more restricted too.

As one POA official put it: "We are challenging the right for people to dictate on safety without negotiation. We accept that after negotiation we are both free to act as we wish. You can't reach a bona fide agreement via a consultative process whereas you can via negotiation."

If the POA does go ahead with industrial action, its pay round talks with the Treasury could be put in jeopardy.

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Botha to end pass law ban on blacks

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were arrested, reflecting the decreasing rigour with which the laws have been enforced. There are no accurate figures, but there may be no more than 6 million blacks at present with permits to be permanently resident in urban areas.

Others can come in only as migrants, without their families, on temporary work contracts.

Removal of the pass laws would not allow blacks to move into white suburbs, but only into the ghetto areas set aside for them on the fringes of "white" towns.

Racial segregation of residential areas will continue to be enforced under the Group Areas Act.

In his speech to Parliament, President Botha said the Group Areas Act was not "a holy cow" and could be amended, but "the retention of individual communities in particular residential areas and the protection of their lifestyles and cultures" had to be maintained.

Mr Botha committed his Government to the abolition of the pass laws by July 1 when he opened Parliament at the end of January. Last Thursday he announced that a White Paper would be tabled next week setting out the main features of the "orderly urbanization" policy.

The full impact of the decision will not be clear until the details of this new policy are known. There are widespread fears that the Government could seek to maintain "influx control" over black access to urban areas by other means.

This could be done by making access dependent on the availability of a house or a job. Since the Government controls the provision of land for black housing outside the reserves, and many blacks are unemployed or without regular employment, such an approach could be very restrictive.

One important clue to the Government's attitude will be its willingness or otherwise to allow what is called "controlled squatting".

Guinness wins battle for Distillers

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reduced to less than £30 million by the profit the company will make when it sells its Distillers stake to Guinness.

Guinness's costs have been estimated at more than £100 million, of which the lower the merchant banker, Morgan Grenfell, will take about £20 million in fees and commissions.

Mr Roger Seelig of Morgan Grenfell defended the level of fees, saying the bank had taken a substantial risk with its own money during the battle.

Mr Gulliver last night put a brave face on his defeat, wishing Distillers "every future success" under its new management.

He said: "We are understandably very disappointed that we will not now have responsibility for the long-term development of this great Scottish company, but Argyll's judgement last autumn that Distillers needed a change of direction and new management has been fully vindicated."

Argyll's finance director, Mr David Webster, said he deeply regretted the cost of the bid to Argyll's shareholders, but the company had always believed the opportunity justified the risk.

He said: "We would have won Distillers but for Guinness appearing on the horizon. When we entered this battle, we believed like everyone else that Guinness would be barred from bidding on competition grounds."

"We still believe it was wrong of the Government to have allowed Guinness to wriggle out of a Monopolies Commission investigation."

Mr Webster said Argyll's directors were big shareholders in Argyll and had been putting their money where there was no more to be made by the bid.

Mr Ernest Saunders, chief executive of Guinness, said the City had judged his company's management to be the most appropriate to exploit Distillers' international drinks brands.

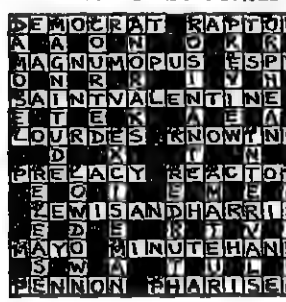
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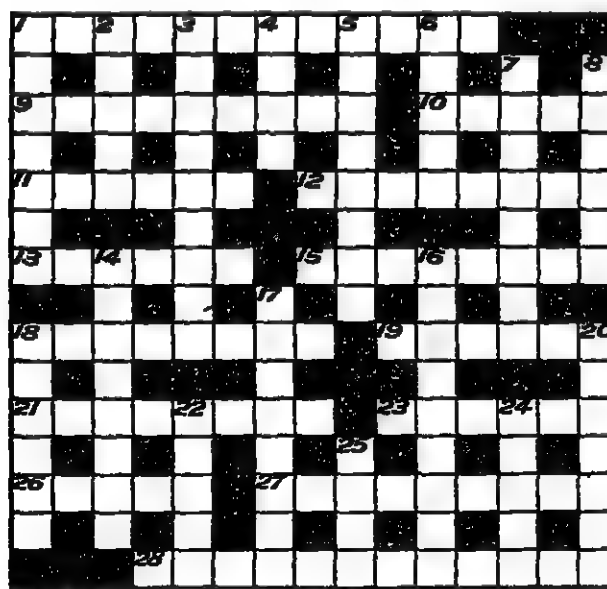


The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,024

A prize of The Times Atlas of World History will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, Box 486, 11 Virginia Street, London E2 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs M A Butcher, York Road, Woking, Surrey; D R Williams, Carval Road, Llandaff, Cardiff; Dr P M Roph, Selly Park Road, Selly Park, Birmingham.

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ACROSS

- 1 Pleased with the way one takes old flippant as travelling companion (9).
- 2 Rock's End as place of sacrifice (5).
- 3 Volcano erupts Bristol? (7).
- 4 About fifty-one ducks needed for this dish (4).
- 5 Way on to the world stage, according to Jacques (8).
- 6 Point of view of an old settler here (5).
- 7 Tantalus's prisoner does without hypocrisy (8).
- 8 Such characters are inclined to show stress (6).
- 9 Rising soldier no one can upset by firing (8).
- 10 Out of sight, out of mind in this French-style dungeon (9).
- 11 Peter whistles for one of the syringes (3-5).
- 12 Hard ground where the fire burned (6).
- 13 Leaders of newspapers are naturally eager for material (7).
- 14 River deity in Rome is a kind of bear (5).
- 15 Tommy's wear sounds the time to switch on 14 (5).
- 16 As black as the cloak worn by Hamlet in 14 (4).

DOWN

Today's events

New exhibitions
Railart 86, Railways of the West Midlands, City Museum and Art Gallery, Foregate St, Worcester: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Thurs and Sun (ends May 17).

Venice Observed and other works by John Brabner, Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Rd, Witley, Surrey: Tues to Sat 12 to 5 (ends May 24).

Summer Pops by a selection of British poppers: Peter Dingley Gallery, 8 Chapel St, Stratford-upon-Avon daily 9.30 to 1.30, 2.30 to 5.30, Sun and Thurs 1.30 to 1.30 (ends September 27).

Sir John Gilbert, A Cavalier in Heart: Rye Art Gallery, Ockmans Lane, East St: Tues to Sat 10.30 to 1 and 2.15 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends June 15).

Watercolours by Christopher Holliday: Regent Centre, High St, Christchurch: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 10pm, (ends April 26).

Music

Concert by the South Bank Conservatoire Orchestra: St Leonard's Parish Church, SW16, 7.30.

Concert in aid of the NSPCC: music for voices and strings: St Paul's Church, Long Lane, N3, 7.30.

Recital of 16th and 17th Century music by the Tomkins Consort: Hampstead Parish Church, NW3, 7.30.

Tomorrow's events

Royal engagements
The Prince of Wales starts the 1986 London Marathon at Blackheath, SE3, 8.50.

Music

Viennese Chorus Concert by the Mozart Orchestra and Chamber Choir: Masonic Temple, Stirling Rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 7.45.

Carols and readings for Easter: by the Choir of Leeds Parish Church: Leeds Parish Church, 6.30.

Concert by Scottish Chamber Orchestra: South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, Berkshire, 7.30.

Song recital by Ralph McDonald and Paul Hancock (piano): St Botolph's Church, Helston, nr Peterborough, 8.

Gardens open

TODAY AND OTHER DAYS
Gymmead: Powis Castle, Welshpool: one of the most important of British gardens; Wednesday to Sunday, April, May, June and September: 1 to 6 July and August open every day, 12 to 6.

In the garden

It will be more important than ever to get the garden in good order and give it the best start possible. Many plants that have been put in and seeds sown last year will not have had much time to develop a good root system. They will be grateful for regular drinks in hot dry spells.

If you are thinking of installing a permanent watering system, a "ring main" for easy watering with fixed or portable sprinklers, seek advice from garden centres about the many ingenious fittings and sprinklers now available.

Plant out hyacinths and daffodils that have finished flowering in pots or bowls indoors. Check on your stock of stakes, or other types of plant supports, and string for tying. Many plants will quickly need supporting.

Loosen soil in beds and borders, especially round bulbs, and deal with weeds while they are small. Many lawns have moss in them. There are various mosskillers available and these may be applied now. Broad leaved weeds like daisies and creeping weeds like buttercup and clover are best left until mid or late May when the weather is warmer and selective weedkillers are more effective.

Roads

The Midlands M5: Contrail continues between junctions 4 (Bromsgrove) and 5 (Droitwich), delays. M1: Two lane closures on N and E of junction 10 (Northampton) near Rothamstead services, delays.

The North M6: Construction of new link with M5 at Wetherham, Blackmore, inside lane closures on both carriageways. M52: Road widening at Barton Bridge between junction 1 (Ratcliffe) and junction 2 (A57), Greater Manchester, slip road from M52 to A57 closed, A57 Roadworks, between Greta Glen and Toddlie Village with contrail.

London: M4: Two lane closures on both carriageways at junction 10 (A25) between junction 10 and junction 11 (A25) between junction 10 and junction 11. A25: Contrail on other side of Southwold bypass, between St Asaph and A14.

Scotland: A88: Drainage repairs on A88 between junction 10 and junction 11, between junction 10 and junction 11. A88: Various lane closures along Glasgow to Carlisle road, new contrail from Glasgow to Carlisle road, new contrail from Glasgow to Carlisle road, new contrail from Glasgow to Carlisle road.

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Anniversaries

TODAY
Births: Gualtero Vargas, President of Brazil, 1930-45, 1951-54, São Paulo, 1883.
Deaths: Lord Byron, Missolonghi, Greece, 1824; Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, Prime Minister, 1868, 1874-80, London, 1881.

TOMORROW
Births: Johann Agricola, Lutheran reformer, Eisenach, Germany, 1494; Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, 1852-70, Paris, 1808; Adolf Hitler, dictator of Germany, 1933-45, Braunau am Inn, Austria, 1889.
Deaths: Casaleggio, painter, Venice, 1768.

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 34).

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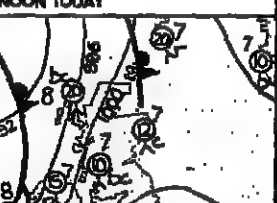
Weather forecast

Most places will have sunny intervals during the day.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, E, NE England, East Angles, Berkshire, Edinburgh, Orkney, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sunny intervals and scattered showers; wind light to moderate; temp 11C to 15C.
Wales, SW, W, NW England, NW Scotland, Central Highlands, Lake District: Bright intervals and scattered showers; wind light to moderate; temp 10C to 13C.
SE, SW England, Wales, Lake of Ness, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Bright at first but rain spreading from the W; wind light to moderate; temp 10C to 13C.

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Lighting-up time
TODAY
London 6.30 pm to 5.25 am
Bristol 6.43 pm to 5.35 am
Edinburgh 6.57 pm to 5.25 am
Manchester 6.41 pm to 5.25 am
Perth 6.54 pm to 5.45 am

TOMORROW
London 6.30 pm to 5.25 am
Bristol 6.43 pm to 5.35 am
Edinburgh 6.57 pm to 5.25 am
Manchester 6.41 pm to 5.25 am
Perth 6.54 pm to 5.45 am

Yesterday
Temperatures at midday yesterday: a, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Belfast	13/7	SW	4/5
Birmingham	15/7	SW	4/5
Bristol	16/8	SW	4/5
Cardiff	16/8	SW	4/5
Edinburgh	14/7	SW	4/5
Glasgow	14/7	SW	4/5
London	15/7	SW	4/5
Manchester	15/7	SW	4/5
Perth	15/7	SW	4/5
Shrewsbury	15/7	SW	4/5
Stirling	15/7	SW	4/5
Wolverhampton	15/7	SW	4/5

Colorado beetles

Declare war on the Colorado beetle and help save potato crops. The beetle, about three-eigh

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1403.1 (+1.9)
FT-SE 100
1680.2 (-0.7)
USM (Datastream)
120.08 (+1.43)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.5140 (-0.0080)
W German mark
3.3568 (-0.0312)
Trade-weighted
76.2 (-0.6)

Two firsts for Lazard

Lazard Bros, the merchant bank, has secured two firsts with its funding arrangements for Dee Corporation's \$414 million (£272 million) acquisition of Herman's Sporting Goods in the US. The £330 million vendor placing of 125 million shares, completed yesterday, was the largest yet seen in Britain. It was also the first vendor placing to finance a tender offer in the US for a public company.

Berry chief stands down

Mr Stamp Brooksbank, who resigned as chairman of the troubled United Kingdom Provident Institution life group 11 days ago, has also vacated the chair of the Berry Trust, in which UKPI has a stake. He will continue as a director at the board's request. Mr Dennis Nicholson succeeds him as Berry's chairman.

Hoare in talks

Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, is discussing a merger of its £500 million institutional fund management business with Thornton Management.

Kwik jumps

Kwik Save Group's sales jumped 14 per cent to £383 million during the six months to March 1. Pretax profits rose 21 per cent to £18.6 million, giving earnings per share of 7.64p.

CGA offer

Frederick's Place Group yesterday posted its formal offer document for the Country Gentlemen's Association. It includes a new valuation by Cazenove, the stockbroker, of 85p for each FPG share.

Bache victory

Bache Group, the American financial services conglomerate, has succeeded in its agreed bid for Clive Discount. The offer of 50p a share has been declared unconditional.

Bid approach

Ashdown Investment Trust has received an approach which may lead to a bid for it.

Deal cleared

Bond Corporation Holdings' acquisition of Thorn EMI Screen Entertainment is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

£50m issue

London & Scottish Marine Oil (Lassmo) is to issue a £50 million, 10% per cent Eurobond, due in 1993, at 100% per cent, through a syndicate.

DM reserves

West Germany's net currency reserves fell by DM7.4 billion to DM59 billion (£17 billion) in March.

Half point cut sends base rates to 15-month low

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Barclays led a new round of interest rate cuts yesterday, reducing its base rate from 11 to 10.5 per cent, the lowest rate since January last year. The move was soon endorsed by the Bank of England and followed by the other clearing banks.

Barclays move came soon after the announcement of a sharp fall in Britain's inflation rate to 4.2 per cent last month. It was in line with Bank of England wishes, expressed through its money market tactics on Thursday, to ensure a cautious downward path for interest rates.

The Bank of England later announced an £800 million issue of long-dated government stock, Treasury 8 per cent 2009, with a minimum tender price of £96 and a yield of 8.39 per cent.

The Bank has tended to issue long-dated stock in

smaller "tranches" and so the announcement is a significant one.

The stock will be issued, by tender, on Wednesday, with the first 25 per cent payable on application, the next 25 per cent on June 9 and the balance on July 14.

Gilt-edged prices were generally firm yesterday, helped by the base rate reductions, rising by a quarter to half a point. The pound lost ground, falling by three-quarters of a cent to \$1.5142, and by 2 pence to DM3.3662 against the mark.

The sterling index fell by 0.6 points to 76.2. Dealers said that the pound's fall was due more to profit-taking and the regular Friday rumour of impending entry into the European Monetary System rather than the base rate cuts.

Barclays cut its net deposit rate by half a point to 4.75 per

cent but, in common with the other banks, left its mortgage rate unchanged. The banks are likely to await the building societies' response on home loan rates.

Yesterday, the major societies were indicating that they would decide next week on a mortgage rate cut of up to a point.

Money market interest rates, which initially firmed on the base rate announcements, ended the day at a level still consistent with a further half point reduction in rates.

The three-month interbank rate closed the day at 10.16-10.18 per cent, broadly consistent with a base rate of 10 per cent.

The interest rate on the weekly Treasury bill tendered yesterday, from 9.8249 per cent the previous Friday.

The latest round of base

rate cuts in Britain follows reductions in interest rates in both France and Sweden this week, and comes amid widespread expectations of early reductions in the official discount rates in both Japan and the United States.

The Japanese finance minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita said yesterday that Japan would match any reduction in the US discount rate, but the strength of the yen, which yesterday rose to 174.10 against the dollar from 175.5, may force to Japanese to act first.

The US Federal Reserve Board is expected to announce a cut in the discount rate from the current 7 per cent level in spite of better than expected first quarter growth figures for the US economy, released on Thursday, which showed 3.2 per cent annualized growth in the first quarter.

Rate of inflation drops to lowest since June 1983

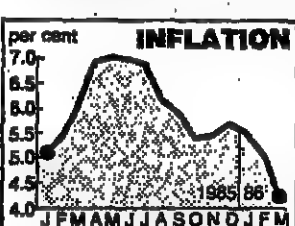
By Our Economics Correspondent

The rate of inflation fell to 4.2 per cent last month, from 5.1 per cent in February, and Department of Employment officials expect the April rate to be lower still, probably around 3.2 per cent.

The inflation rate could then drop below 3 per cent in May. James Capel, the stockbroker, said last night that the rate could fall to 2.7 per cent in May if a further reduction in mortgage rate of 0.75 percentage points comes through.

The building societies indicated yesterday that such a reduction is likely, after the half-point cut in base rates to 10.5 per cent, but did not commit themselves on timing.

The index of retail prices rose to 361.6 (January 1974 = 100) last month, from 361.1 in February, a rise on the month of 0.1 per cent. In March last year, the index rose by 1 per cent, hence the 0.9 point reduction in the rate of inflation to 4.2 per cent, the lowest since June 1983.



There were price rises last month for fresh vegetables, up by 3.7 per cent, with carrots up by 5p a lb and cauliflower by 7p. The price of home-killed lamb rose by 4 per cent. Clothing and footwear prices increased by 1 per cent, reflecting the end of winter sales, and cigarette and tobacco prices rose 0.6 per cent.

However, petrol fell by 8.5p a gallon, to a national average for four star of 176.4p. This was the sharpest monthly fall so far recorded, after drops of 5p a gallon in both January and February.

The data for the compilation of the March index of retail prices was collected a week before the Budget. But indications are that the Budget rise

in petrol prices of 7.5p a gallon has already been wiped out, and a net fall in the price is expected for April.

In addition, the reduction in the mortgage rate of 0.75 points which took effect on April 1 will reduce the index by 0.3 per cent. Higher cigarette prices will add 0.3 per cent to the RPI in April, while the effect on net mortgage payments of the reduction in the basic rate of income tax will add 0.1 per cent.

Other price increases include local authority rates, adding 0.5 per cent to the RPI, rents 0.15 per cent, electricity 0.15 per cent and prescription charges 0.01 per cent.

The net effect of these price increases and falls will be to produce an increase in the RPI for April of around 1 per cent, compared with a 2.1 rise in April last year, so the rate of inflation will come down sharply again.

Britain's inflation rate last month, of 4.2 per cent, was below the latest EEC average, for February, of 4.5 per cent.

Opec feels unable to halt slump

From David Young, Geneva

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries appears to have decided that it can do little to halt the slump in world oil prices until autumn and winter resupplying by the Western industrialized nations resumes.

It is also likely to abandon efforts to establish a new quota output system until its scheduled meeting in Yugoslavia in June.

The 13 oil ministers from member countries have decided to remain in session in Geneva over the weekend while their advisers agree on detailed projections of market demand in the last two quarters of this year.

However, at least two ministers, Mr Belkacem Nabi of Algeria and Mr Etienne Tchiboba of Gabon, both said yesterday that they may leave the meeting today. Dr Mana Saad Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates also voiced doubts about the value of remaining in session.

Mr Nabi said: "I feel that the meeting will end with no agreement being reached."

Mr Tchiboba said: "I see no point in being in a meeting for a week with no agreement in sight. All member nations accept that oil price needs to rise and all accept that production cuts are necessary, but no country is prepared to say what size of a cut it needs."

Most ministers now accept that a quota of 14 million barrels a day would provide the best chance of their being able to influence the world oil markets and send the price back upwards.

BCA stake in Attwoods sold

The British Car Auction Group has sold its 32.5 per cent stake in Attwoods, the quarry and waste disposal group, for £19.6 million.

Hawley Leisure has bought 12.75 million shares or 29.9 per cent and Mr Michael Askcroft, the Hawley chairman, will take a non-executive seat on the Attwoods board.

Mr Ken Foreman, the chief executive, will take on the role of chairman in place of Mr David Wickens, the chairman of BCA. Mr Denis Thatcher, the Prime Minister's husband, will remain as deputy chairman of Attwoods.

BCA recently sold its stake in Henlys Group (formerly Midsepa International) to Hawley Leisure for £9.6 million.

Queens Moat purchase

By Judith Huntley

Queens Moat House is back on the acquisition trail. The company has bought a further 20 per cent stake in the Harrogate International Hotel bringing its holding to 49.9 per cent at a total cost of £2 million.

Queens Moat may buy the rest of the company in March 1989 at a cost of between £3.9 million and £4.2 million. HH owns the 214-bedroom hotel attached to the Harrogate Conference Centre. The hotel will be re-named the Moat House International.

Queens Moat's purchase of Chardon Hotels brings its two freehold hotels in Glasgow, taking its total to 70 hotels with 6,120 rooms. Another three hotels with 280 bedrooms are under construction.

The Chardon Hotels purchase is being made for £2.8 million in a cash-and-shares offer which involves the issue of 787,401 shares at 76.2p apiece.

UK Land has sold 11 freehold properties for £1.49 million at auction. The properties were valued in January at £1.24 million.

Hanson wins Imperial with 64% acceptances

By Alison Eadie

After receiving 64 per cent acceptances, Hanson Trust yesterday declared itself the winner in the £2.6 billion battle for Imperial Group. The offer is now unconditional.

Despite the withdrawal from the fray of United Biscuits, the rival bidder, a week ago - making Hanson's victory almost certain - institutions left it until the last minute to accept the Hanson bid.

If they had accepted as soon as UB conceded defeat, allowing Hanson to go unconditionally last Monday, they would have gained an extra week's

Bid talk lifts Samuel

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Samuel Properties has confirmed that it has received a takeover bid approach, a move which sent its shares soaring to 248p, up 26p, last night.

The company says the approach is friendly but it will not reveal the name of its prospective purchaser. There was speculation in the market that the bidder must be Rossmore, the property company which is developing a large office scheme at

London's Liverpool Street station. Samuel denies this.

The jewel in Samuel's crown is its 7.25-acre site on the south side of the Thames which it hopes to develop with 600 homes.

Riverside houses are at a premium in the capital. The site is the subject of a planning appeal at the moment but if developed it would bring the company a healthy profit.

Samuel has just bought a £53 million property portfolio

'Pivotal' year for the world economy, says Baldrige

From Richard Owen, Paris

This year will be pivotal for the world economy, Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, said at a meeting of the ministerial council of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Faster growth in the industrialized world and a drop in long-term interest rates will, he believes, give developing countries the exports they need to meet debt repayments and counter rising protectionism.

But structural reforms are vital for sustained growth both in Europe and Japan and in the Third World to stimulate enterprise and reduce unemployment. Mr Baldrige said: "All European leaders with whom I have spoken agree that Europe's unemployment problems arise from high labour costs, rigid regulations and barriers to entrepreneurship."

Moreover, differences between the US and Western Europe over trade, agricultural exports and fiscal policy are being exacerbated by political tensions over Libya and terrorism.

On the second and final day yesterday, there were disagreements over the formulation of several key points in the communiqué. These included agriculture, which is the subject of a threatened US-EEC trade war, following EEC accession arrangements for Spain and Portugal, which Washington says discriminate against the US.

But OECD officials insist that the rhetoric is worse than the reality and that the atmosphere remains amicable. Europe and America have a common aim, officials say - the stimulation of growth in the favourable atmosphere created by the fall in the dollar and in oil prices.

Yesterday, Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, held talks with Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Commissioner for External Relations, on the worsening trade dispute. Further, high-level US-EEC talks, involving Mr Richard Lyng, the US Agriculture Secretary, will be held in Paris today.

M Jacques Delors, President of the EEC Commission, said the Americans were "holding a knife to the throat of the Europeans." But Mr Baldrige stressed that this week's EEC-US meetings were not the last chance to defuse the trade row.

Apart from the problem of EEC enlargement, differences centre on American demands for the dismantling of "structural rigidities" in Europe, such as overprotective labour laws and high marginal tax rates.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

End of the Distillers confederacy

After Guinness's success in winning control of Distillers, finally confirmed yesterday when institutional shareholders turned their backs on the rival Argyll, things will not be the same as before. In the conduct of contested takeover bids, tendentious and often grossly misleading advertisements - a financial delight for advertising agencies and newspapers alike - will not be permitted. To the same end, ways are being sought to curb the over-zealous, undercover activities of public relations "advisers" in their quest for editorial coverage favourable to their clients. In the Guinness-Argyll shoot-out, financial public relations reached high noon. Thirdly, changes in monopolies and mergers policy, notably as they affect the Office of Fair Trading, have been accelerated. Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, has seen the light which will guide him, and the Department of Trade and Industry, to more pragmatic methods of ensuring competition when it appears to be threatened.

Radical change will of course be more immediately apparent at Distillers itself. The Distillers board effectively signed away its existence when it embraced the Guinness bid and agreed to meet Guinness's costs. Probably of the executive directors only David Connell will survive, with William Spengler and Sir Nigel Brookes, a late-comer untarnished by Distillers' past, alone of the non-executives likely to continue. The days of the stifling confederacy which Distillers had become are over.

Guinness, and in particular Ernest Saunders who in four years has revived its fortunes and made Guinness a credible choice as the company more likely to resuscitate Distillers, should lose no time in getting down to basics. Changing the hierarchy, the structure and the board are not likely to be difficult. The real challenge in the first months will be to provide the kind of positive leadership that will restore confidence in the ranks of a totally dispirited group. The process will not be without pain, since it involves not merely changing personnel but implanting an entirely new culture.

Guinness won the day against Argyll essentially because it persuaded most shareholders that it had the knowledge and ability to manage Distillers' main assets which are its internationally established brands of Scotch and gin. Mr Saunders' combination of marketing flair and financial management are about to be put to their most severe test. In the short term he will be expected to do all the things James Gulliver would have done had Argyll prevailed: cut costs, dispose of major shareholders in BP and Royal Bank of Scotland,

sell Distillers' handsome collection of surplus properties and the like. But in the second phase, the synergy has to operate. Guinness has the size, the international marketing experience and Bell's, all of which are advantages Argyll lacks. The objective is to make Guinness-Distillers into one of the five great beverage companies in the world: they is no room for more. To that end the transformation of Distillers from a production led company into a marketing led company will begin on Monday.

Gulliver's travails

For Jimmy Gulliver and Argyll Group, defeat is serious. In the market yesterday there was talk of a near catastrophe and as a result the shares took a big knock, falling from 358p to 335p. Had Samuel Montagu and Charterhouse Japhet, acting in concert with Argyll, not bought Argyll shares in recent days, the price would probably have fallen even lower by now. Between them they have accumulated almost 5 per cent of Argyll's shares.

The market has two main worries: senior management has been preoccupied by the bid for at least six months, possibly at the expense of the existing business; and the bill for the bid which is frighteningly large. Even though Argyll stands to make a profit on its 14.4 per cent shareholding in Distillers, which it bought at an average price of 483p compared with yesterday's price in the market of 688p, its net costs will amount to between £25 million and £30 million, or nearly half this year's pretax profits. The costs will be charged below the line as an extraordinary item.

For its part, Argyll maintains that at the sharp end it has been business as usual. Since the bid for Distillers has launched on December 2 Argyll has opened 10 Presto stores, though that is three less than the company planned. Argyll also claims to have kept up progress in existing stores.

Profits are expected to rise from £64 million for the year just ended, as forecast during the bid, to £76 million in the 12 months to March 1987. On that basis the shares are trading on just 13 times earnings, which represents a 37 per cent discount to Sainsbury's current rating. Traditionally the discount has been 20 per cent. Whether Argyll's rating will recover to its former level - arithmetically that would indicate a share price of 400p - is the critical question.

Jimmy Gulliver is a resilient as well as a resourceful character but a defeat of the magnitude inflicted on him by Guinness will leave a lasting mark.

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STOCK MARKETS	
New York	1859.00 (+3.97)
Dow Jones	1578.61 (+271.77)
Nikkei Dow	1790.40 (-21.60)
Hong Kong	272.0 (-1.8)
Amsterdam Gen	1219.0 (+2.2)
Sydney AO	2255.9 (-22.9)
Frankfurt	596.46 (+30.25)
Commerzbank	373.2 (+4.3)
Brussels	524.70 (same)
General	
Paris: CAC	
Zurich	
SKA General	
INTEREST RATES	
London:	
Bank Base: 10.5%	
3-month interbank 10.5%	
3-month Treasury bills 9.5%	
US:	
Prime Rate 9.00%	
Federal Funds 8.75%	
3-month Treasury bills 5.81-5.80%	
30-year bonds 12.5%	
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES	
RISERS:	
Blue Circle	696p (+18p)
Hawker Siddeley	615p (+40p)
Bechtel	629p (+10p)
ICI	967p (+8p)
Distillers	688p (+5p)
Wadkin	305p (+22p)
Cowie	181p (+9p)
Greene King	225p (+13p)
Gus A	1100p (+40p)
Harris Queensway	280p (+8p)
Next	232p (+14p)
Lee Cooper	173p (+10p)
British Benzol	87p (+11p)
Pearson	478p (+13p)
Rogner	137p (+15p)
Hambros	318p (+25p)
Samuel Properties	248p (+26p)
International City	213p (+13p)
Cable & Wireless	738p (+33p)
Lonrho	277p (+5p)
Pape Group	133p (+11p)
Thermal Scientific	430p (+50p)
Southend Stadium	134p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Glaxo	1070p (-45p)
Argyll	335p (-23p)
Mowlem	1284p (-31p)
SCB Group	350p (-14p)
GOLD	
London:	
AM \$341.00 pm \$342.75	
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288.50-289.50	
New York:	
Comex \$344.70-345.20	

COMMODITIES

2585-2588	May	101.5	
— 672	June	101.5	15
— Steady	July	101.5	15
	Aug	102.3	20
	Sept	107.5	15
	Oct	109.0	15
	Nov	110.5	15
	Jan	102.3	15
	Feb	102.3	15
	March	102.3	15

LONDON MEAT FUTURE			
EXCHANGE			
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Kwik Save formula converts market

The stock market is gradually overcoming its tendency to look down its nose at what it regards as the downmarket image of the Kwik Save Discount Group, which sells branded food lines mainly to the C, D and E socio-economic groups in the West and North of England and Wales.

Its stock market rating is still at a small discount to the premium multiples accorded the top food retailers, but the gap is narrowing all the time.

Kwik Save's successful formula has enabled it to show an unbroken record of average annual pretax profits growth of 24 per cent over the past 10 years.

Interim results for the six months to March 1, announced yesterday, show a continuation of the trend. Turnover was up 13.8 per cent to £383 million, and pretax profits up 21 per cent to £18.6 million.

Only 2.3 per cent of the increase in turnover was attributable to inflation. More than half of the improvement in turnover — 7.8 percentage points — came from stores opened in the last 12 months.

The group has been increasing its selling space by an annual average of 10 per cent, and recorded another 6 per cent increase in the first half just reported.

Adding 17 Kwik Save stores and 18 Arctic freezer centres, it has 437 Kwik Save stores (which still account for well over 90 per cent of profits) and 38 freezer centres.

It has also opened 16 wine and spirits units, giving it a total of 94, and it is introducing the trading name, Best of Cellars, for these stores.

Kwik Save's rate of wage inflation is around 6 per cent, still higher than its food price inflation. But gross margins improved for two main reasons: the product range has been subtly altered to include more higher margin lines.

Perhaps more importantly, Kwik Save is the last retailer of any size to sell only branded goods. It is thus being wooed more assiduously than ever by the branded food manufacturers, and margins can only benefit.

The accounting year last time covered 53 weeks, but this year's figures will be for

52 weeks. Despite this, an improvement in pretax profits of around 17 per cent to £42 million looks likely, putting the shares on a 16 times multiple. Cash balances are still increasing, and are likely to exceed £30 million by the year end.

Recent performance has made it unlikely that the shares will do much in the short term, but the group remains a sound long-term investment.

Coloroll/Staffs Potteries

The contested bid for Coloroll for Staffordshire Potteries has thrown up a new version of the disenfranchised shareholder caught up in a takeover.

Since the 1981 rights issue, Staffordshire has had an unusually large number of preference shares which on conversion would account for about 41 per cent of the enlarged equity. At this stage, however, they do not carry votes.

The institutions which stumped up 100p per share at a time when Staffordshire was making losses and not paying dividends have been quickly won over by a 33.3p cash offer for these rarely traded preference shares. Within hours of the increased and final £14 million offer, Coloroll had acquired or received acceptances for 42 per cent of the preference capital.

But it is the ordinary shares which will decide the bid. Coloroll already speaks for 20 per cent of the ordinary equity, including the 8.7 per cent it owned before the bid. But the Staffordshire board owns 20 per cent and a further 30 per cent is owned by small shareholders who may want to hold out for the company's further recovery.

It is, therefore, possible that Coloroll will fail to win more than 50 per cent of the ordinary shares, while obtaining a high level of acceptance for its preference offer which is not conditional.

But if the ordinary offer fails, Coloroll would be prohibited by the Takeover Code from converting shares which would take its equitable stake to above 30 per cent or to gain control of the company. It would not be until Novem-

ber 1987 — 19 months from the offer's closing date — that the company would be free to convert.

For more than a year, Coloroll could potentially speak for more than 50 per cent of the enlarged share capital but have no control.

Preference shareholders accepting the final offer thus have no immediate say in the outcome of the bid, although the forecast Staffordshire dividend means that, on income grounds, the preference shares would otherwise have been converted at the November 1986 conversion date and would have been enfranchised.

CGA

A very ungentlemanly chase for the Country Gentlemen's Association is under way. CGA is recommending a bid from Frederick's Place Group, which was formally launched yesterday, but Bestwood, the rival suitor, says its bid is as attractive.

Both companies have made share offers and the main dispute is their value. FPG is an unquoted company whose shares are traded on the grey market. The latest deals were at 100p but its cash offer is underwritten at 70p. Cazenove, the stockbroker, has, however, come up with a valuation that splits the difference. At 85p, FPG's 25-for-2 share offer values CGA shares at £10.62. The cash offer is 87.5p.

Bestwood does have listed shares, but CGA has questioned their value, saying the company has provided a cash alternative for half its offer. Its all-share offer values CGA shares at 92p with Bestwood trading at 46.3p. The part paper, part cash offer is worth 81.3p.

CGA shareholders' main concern is not capital gain but use of the association's insurance broking, book-keeping and tax advisory services. Mr Stuart Goldsmith, FPG's chief executive, aims to build a group providing financial services to private clients.

The vision may be attractive but shareholders should sell in the market. Yesterday, CGA shares were trading at 91.0p, 35p more than FPG's cash offer. There can be no argument over the value of cash.

Cheaper money bolsters shares

The half-point cut in base rates by the big four clearing banks, coupled with news that inflation fell to 4.2 per cent last month, helped to sustain a stock market which had been showing signs of flagging.

The FT 30-share index edged forward by 1.9 points to 1,403.1, while the FT-SE 100 rose by just 0.7 to 1,680.2.

Giltis managed to reverse initial falls of a quarter before the Treasury announced a new, £800 million tender just after the official close. Most dealers are still looking for another modest reduction in base rates next week.

Leading industrials ended mixed, with most of the activity confined to Distillers as Guinness won control and Argyll conceded defeat. Distillers closed 5p firmer at 688p, having fallen to 653p in early trading.

Guinness lost 13p to 323p and Argyll 23p to 335p. Elsewhere in drinks, Greene King, a long-favoured bid candidate, rose 11p to 223p. Among blue chips, Beecham continued to attract persistent speculative support, up 10p to 423p.

In contrast, Glaxo gave

back 60p to 1,055p after a profits downgrade from Merrill Lynch. Hawker continued to benefit from its results, up 10p to 619p, while ICI, with first-quarter figures next Thursday, improved a further 8p to 967p.

In electricals, Plessey gained 6p to 234p on hopes of some lucrative contracts. Trusthouse Forte climbed 5p to 189p on revived takeover speculation.

Stores were cheered by the prospect of another mortgage cut. Gas "A" advanced 40p to 1,100p after comment, with Harris Queensway 8p better to 290p on suggestions of a possible shops deal with Gus. British Car Auction was

marked up 6p to 138p on the sale of the 32.5 per cent stake in Airwoods to Hawley, 6p up to 138p. Airwoods receded 6p to 159p, but elsewhere in distributors, T Cowie climbed 9p to 181p ahead of the sale of the finance division later this year. SGR Group in receipt of a bid from J Mowlem (8p lower at 384p) fell 14p to 350p as the previous bidder, BET, sold its stake.

Engineers recorded many sharp gains, with stock shortage a factor. Watkin, reporting this month, was hoisted 22p to 305p. Amari at 165p, up 8p and Neesmead 38p, up 5p, were others to attract support, while Valor

put on 8p to 251p, helped by Comet.

H Samuel "A" improved 8p to 86p, stimulated by Thursday's sparkling profits from Ramers. Pearson was sustained by an encouraging magazine article, up 13p to 478p.

In merchant banks, the strong rumours of a bid from Lomro or BAT boosted Hambros 30p to 323p. Clearing banks hardened a few pence, with Standard Chartered 8p up at 872p, awaiting takeover developments.

In shipping, Raper Holdings was called 15p dearer at 137p. Asset-injection hopes prompted an 8p rise in British Beazol, at 84p. Cable & Wire-

less, whose directors are touring institutions lauding the praises of the Mercury system, climbed 33p to 738p.

Martin Ford was active at 111p, down 24p, after falling to 103p in early trading. Next advanced 14p to 292p helped by a recent press profile of the chairman, Mr George Davis.

Press comment lifted M Y Dart 5p to 36p, while other firm spots included Croydon Leage 100p, CPU Computing 40p, Pege Group 133p and Scantronic 112p, up by 5p to 12p.

Southeast Stadium at 134p, up 5p and Cosalt 82p, up 6p, were wanted ahead of results next week.

In financials, the recent newcomer International City rose 13p to 215p on US expansion hopes. Samuel Properties closed 26p higher at 248p on news of a bid approach. The favorite to make an offer is the fast-growing Roschaf.

London & Edinburgh Trust, at 705p and Scottish Heritage, 168p, climbed 20p and 12p respectively in sympathy. Oil shares were drab on the absence of any firm agreement on production cuts in Geneva.

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(Issue price in brackets).

COMPANY NEWS

● **CROCKER NATIONAL CORPORATION:** Net earnings for the first quarter of 1986 were \$24 million (£16 million), against \$9 million. Midland Bank owns Crocker's equity and has agreed to sell it to Wells Fargo.

● **MAYHEW FOODS:** The company is to acquire Ready Roasted Chicken for £700,000. Further payments of up to £460,000 will be made in 1989, depending on profits. Ready Roasted operates from a factory in Aberdare, South Wales.

● **BENFORD CONCRETE MACHINERY:** Turnover for 1985 £20.75 million (£20.74 million). Pretax profit £1.27 million (£986,000). Total dividend unchanged at 3.75p. Earnings per share 3.36p (£2.32p).

● **LIFECARE INTERNATIONAL:** Turnover for 1985 £7.15 million (£7 million). Pretax profit £314,000 (£163,000). Earnings per share 1.40p (0.9p).

● **ELITE BIRD CONFECTIONERY:** Half-year to Dec 28, 1985. Interim dividend unchanged at 1.59p. Turnover £4.61 million (£4.76 million). Operating loss £37,000 (profit £178,000). Loss per share 4.0p (earnings 1.9p).

● **SCOTTISH MORTGAGE & TRUST:** Total dividend for the year to March 31, 1986, 8.5p (7.5p). Pretax revenue £10.02 million (£9.08 million). Earnings per share 2.27p (£1.1p). Net asset value per ordinary stock unit (after deducting prior

charges at par) £50.2p (£47.2p). ● **MELLEWARE INTERNATIONAL:** Mr J P Meller, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that orders for the first quarter of the current year are ahead of equivalent period last year. The board is confident that the outcome for the current year should be at least satisfactory.

● **WADE POTTERIES:** Half-year to Jan 31, 1986. Sales £8.36 million (£7.61 million). Pretax profit £552,000 (£598,000). Earnings per share 3.84p (£3.46p).

● **PROVIDENT FINANCIAL GROUP:** Sir Timothy Kitson, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the operating companies expect 1986 to be another good year. In 1985, the number of credit customers rose by more than 100,000. Provident's main development outside credit — Whitegates Estate Agency — has opened 16 new branches since the beginning of the year.

● **BRUNTONS (MUSSELBURGH):** Total dividend unchanged at 3p for 1985. Turnover: home £10.5 million (£9.45 million) and exports £1.21 million (£1.02 million). Pretax profit £549,000 (£569,000). Earnings per share 3.4p (4.1p).

● **FRANSES EXPLORATION:** Hill Samuel, a lead manager, has launched a 15-year, \$30 million (£20 million) convertible Eurobond issue. Likely terms: a coupon of 7 1/2 per cent, a conversion premium of 15-20 per cent and an issue price of 100 per cent. Final terms will be announced next week.

● **TURRIFF CORPORATION:** Dividend 7p (same) for 1985. Turnover £60.98 million (£69.41 million). Pretax profit £408,000 (£667,000). Earnings per share 9.1p (£9.6p).

● **DEWEY WARREN HOLDINGS:** Following the relinquishing of their executive responsibilities on Feb 26, 1986, the company has now reached an amicable settlement with Mr John Rooke and Mr John House of all claims arising under their service contracts.

● **BERKELEY EXPLORATION:** No dividend for 1985. Turnover £11.8 million (£11.8 million). Pretax profit £1.86 million (£821,000). Earnings per share 7.25p (loss £1.7p).

● **WELDEDAVE:** The group has acquired a property company, the principal assets of which are two fully let office buildings in The Hague. This purchase was partly financed through a private placement of 56,000 shares with an institutional investor.

● **BOUGAINVILLE COPPER (subsidiary of RTZ):** Industry projections for 1986 do not give much cause for optimism, the company warns. Although there was some upward pressure on precious metal prices during the

early part of the year, this appears to have been short-lived. But pressure on costs will continue to increase. ● **A AND C BLACK:** Total payment 10p (9.5p) for 1985. Turnover £4.86 million (£4.73 million). Pretax profit £408,000 (£312,000). Earnings per share 18.1p (£17.9p).

● **BRITISH VITA:** The current year has started well and in Britain and Europe the first quarter is ahead of budget, the annual meeting was told. Progress is also being made internationally.

● **CITY SITE ESTATES:** The company has agreed to acquire its first London property — Buckingham Court, 75-83 Buckingham Gate, SW1 — for £2.2 million. After this purchase, the value of the group's property portfolio will be more than £15.5 million, with an annualized rental income exceeding £1.3 million.

● **RENOVON:** Net sales for 1985 \$228.96 million (£151 million), against \$220.87 million. Net profit \$6.62 million (£6.32 million). Earnings per share \$41.16 (£45.71).

● **OTTOMAN BANK:** Ordinary dividend 55.00 (£5.50) for 1985. Operating result, after tax, \$5.35 million (£2.32 million).

● **HELENE OF LONDON:** Group's profit before tax was £1.71 million, net £1.17 million as printed on Wednesday.

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On Thursday, the Luxembourg Government used a debate in the Grand Duchy's Chamber of Deputies on the state of the nation to announce that it is considering tax concessions to the country's banks and their clients. The announcement marked the start of a new campaign by Luxembourg to promote itself as an international financial centre.

At first sight, such a campaign might seem only to benefit the public relations people hired to conduct it. Luxembourg, after all, is well-known for its lenient treatment of foreign investors. For half a century, the 350,000 inhabitants of this small country tucked away in the wooded hills of the Ardennes have offered their services to the citizens of neighbouring countries.

Banking secrecy guaranteed by law is, the cornerstone. Numbered accounts should ensure anonymity and foreigners investing in Luxembourg pay no income, capital, or inheritance taxes. The characteristic Luxembourg vehicle is the holding company, the legal form of which was laid down in 1929.

The more than 6,000 holding companies in the Grand Duchy are exempt from income, capital and liquidation surplus taxes and are ideal for accumulating capital. There is no VAT on gold.

Political stability, geographical convenience, close regulation, and good communications and professional services — for example, accountants

Luxemburg burnishes its image as a financial centre

and lawyers — have attracted generations of discreet savers.

Unlike Switzerland, Luxembourg has avoided an unsavoury association with the loot of dictators and the Mafia. Historically, it is the home of retail tax evasion, the modest man's tax shelter.

Over the past 20 years, however, Luxembourg has branched out into more sophisticated activities. The almost simultaneous arrival of the Common Market and the Eurozone were heaven-sent opportunities. The Grand Duchy gained respectability and prominence from the construction of the European Court of Justice, one of the residences of the European Parliament, and the European Investment Bank.

Even better, the Eurozone brought big business. With its tradition of coupon clipping and its cheap and simple listing regulations, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange was the ideal place for quizzing Eurobonds. The bourse claims it listed and helped to launch the first bond denominated in European currency units, the successor to the EUA.

So important is the ECU to Luxembourg, where banks were involved in management syndicates for more than half of last year's ECU-denominated issues, that the bourse promised last week that it would calculate the counter-value of

the ECU in its component currencies if the European commission ever stopped doing so. This is vital to another aspect of Luxembourg's involvement in bonds — providing a secondary market. Some 60 banks in the Grand Duchy are members of the Association of International Bond Dealers.

Today's official bourse price

The Grand Duchy has always been the home of retail tax evasion

list includes 3,700 securities, of which 80 per cent are Eurobonds issued by 1,400 borrowers from 50 countries in 19 currencies. More than three quarters of all Eurobonds are listed in Luxembourg and 90 per cent have paying agents in the country.

The growth of the bond market, which has enjoyed boom times recently as interest rates and inflationary expectations have declined, has helped to offset falling business in syndicated loans. Luxembourg's 119 banks, of which 29 are German and 16 Scandinavian, had a combined balance sheet at the end of last year of 7,628 billion Luxembourg francs (£110 billion), almost double the figure

of five years ago.

Luxembourg's attractions have also encouraged the development of fund management, as distinct from the mere squirrelling away of savings by investors. At the end of 1985, 213 investment funds and companies were registered in the country. Of these, the 52 investment funds, mainly mutual funds or unit trusts, had a total value equivalent to £11 billion — quadruple the figure prevailing five years ago.

Yet the Luxembourg Bankers' Association, the bourse, the government, and perhaps even investors in the Grand Duchy are uneasy. International deregulation of financial services has intensified the competition from bigger and better equipped centres. Recent changes to banking laws in Germany, which is to Luxembourg what Britain is to the Channel Islands, have particularly unsettled Luxembourg bankers.

Paris is slowly opening its market, a process which could accelerate under the new conservative government. In their efforts to clamp down on tax evasion, national authorities have paid unwelcome attention to Luxembourg.

The response is twofold. The first approach is to stress the advantages of Luxembourg over its competitors. Luxembourg has seized on an apparent weakening of Swiss banking secrecy — the latest example being the freezing of assets alleged to be belong to former President Ferdinand Marcos of The Philippines — to underline its own security.

M Remy Kremer, president of the Bankers' Association, said: "There's no question of hiding criminality. But if the inquiry were motivated by tax reasons, the bank secrecy would be 100 per cent in this case."

Changing the tax regime is part of this approach. The government said on Thursday that it is considering, among other moves, abolishing the subscription tax on new issues

in Luxembourg of equities and bonds.

The Bankers' Association has been pressing for an increase in the types of assets against which provisions can be made (and thereby reduce tax liabilities), new and additional double taxation treaties, and abolition of the "tax d'abonnement" — the 0.36 per cent annual levy on assets.

But the government is also anxious for domestic political reasons not to appear unduly favourable to foreign banks. M Jacques Poos, the deputy president and treasury minister, said: "The government will make every effort to consolidate the competitiveness and the soundness of the financial centre, which means also that it will never let it become a fiscal paradise."

Individuals resident in Luxembourg pay quite high personal rates of tax and the effective corporate rate is around 25 per cent after offsets.

The message is clear. The second approach must be for the bourse and investment funds to offer new and better services.

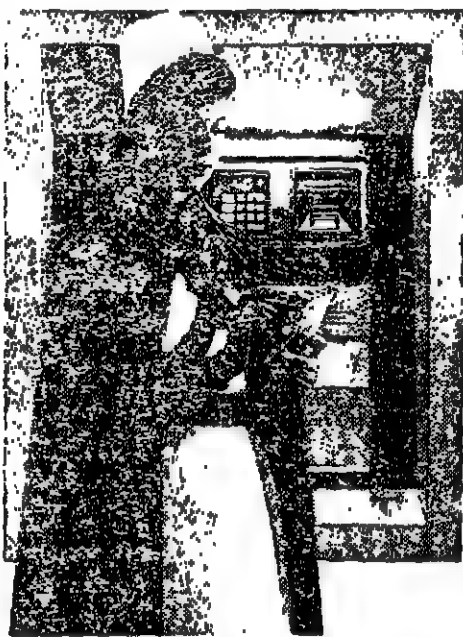
On the wholesale side of the market, Luxembourg's banks are moving into the fashionable money market instruments — certificates of deposits, Eurocommercial paper, revolving underwriting facilities, note issuance facilities, and the rest.

On the retail side, there will be a renewed drive to attract private investors by building up investment funds and increasing the number and variety of stocks listed on the bourse.

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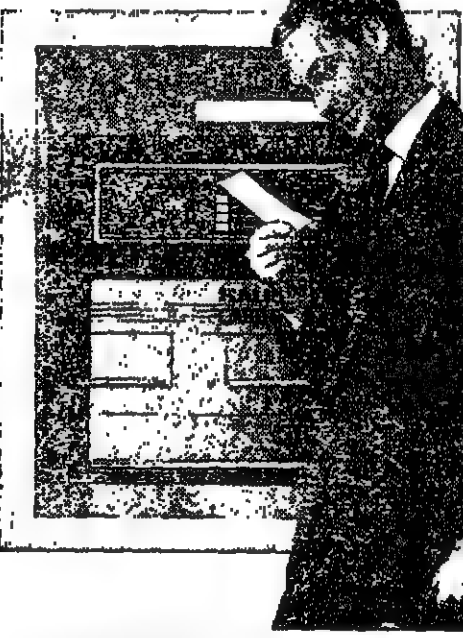
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Beware of the high risks

MARKETS

Putting your money into shares is always going to involve some risk compared to investments such as building society or bank accounts. Moreover, some shares are more risky than others, with those quoted on the so-called over the counter market generally being the most risky of all.

Proposals brought out by the Stock Exchange this week for a "third market" should go some way towards eliminating some of the less acceptable risks of the OTC.

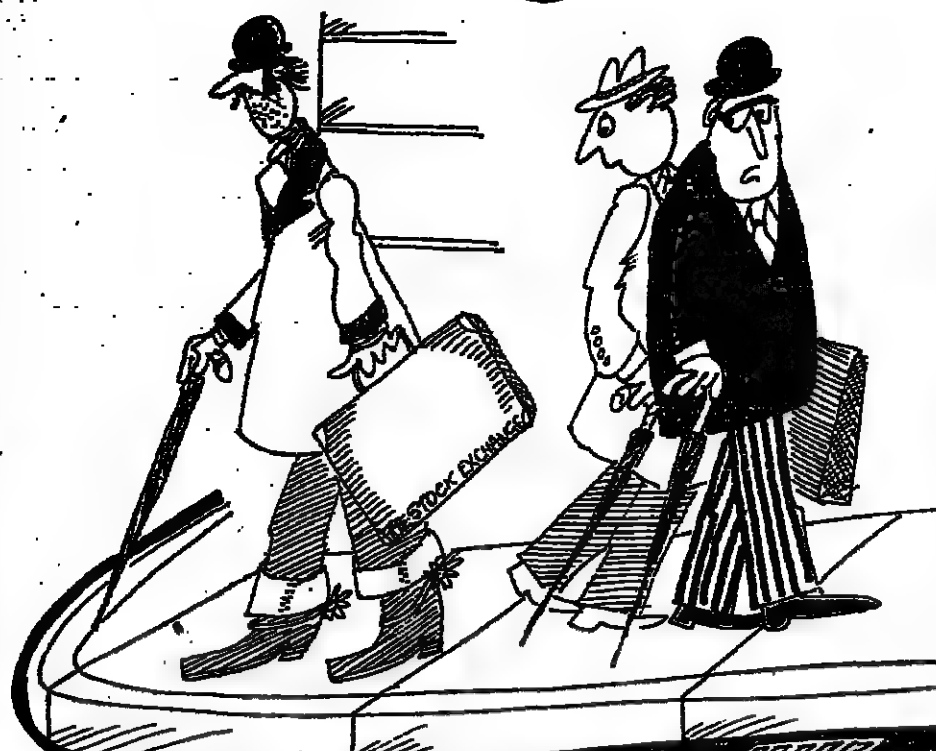
The OTC now is simply a number of licensed dealers quoting prices in companies which have not been launched on the stock market or the junior unlisted securities market. The theory is that there should be a fairly easy and relatively cheap way for companies which would not satisfy the fairly onerous Stock Exchange requirements for a public flotation to raise capital.

At the same time, those investors who want to speculate in high risk ventures should have a suitable medium for doing so. The OTC, so the theory runs, attracts this type of company and, therefore, provides the risk-inclined investors with what they want.

The practice is often different. To start with people complain regularly that while it is easy to buy shares in OTC companies it is not so easy to sell them, or to sell them in any reasonable size at a realistic price. The spread — the difference between the price you can buy at and that you can sell at — can become wide once it becomes clear that you want to sell a chunk of shares in an OTC company.

John Hunter, of the accountancy firm Peat Marwick Mitchell, OTC specialists, says: "It is not easy to deal in size because the shunters go up when you are a seller." One of the essential ingredients of any market is that there should be willing buyers and sellers. Otherwise there is no market. In effect, there is no real OTC market in Britain.

There is Harvard Securities,



It looks like the OTC market is trying to become respectable

the licensed dealers and market makers, who make a market in several unquoted companies (and quoted companies) and a host of finance houses which do relatively small amounts of business in a few unquoted company's shares. Harvard alone can not be said to be the OTC. A market has more than one person offering goods.

The lack of real liquidity means that many prices quoted on the OTC are mere indications — they are not the prices you can buy and sell at. The jargon used is "basis prices". Another consequence is that many shares are in reality quoted on a "matched bargains" basis. In other words, the OTC dealer will not take the shares on itself but will find out your requirements — whether you are a buyer or seller and in what volume — and try to find the opposite half of the equation for you.

"Most of the stocks quoted on the OTC are being offered on a matched bargain basis or else the prices quoted are basis

prices," says Tom Wilnot, the controversial chairman of Harvard Securities. He points out that Harvard quotes genuine two-way prices and takes heavy positions itself. He also says Prior Harwin makes markets in certain stocks.

We called up Harvard, anonymously asking for a price in 25,000 shares in an OTC stock called Taddale Investments. They quoted a price of 6p to sell and 8.5p to buy. The same experiment with Prior Harwin produced a selling price of only 3p, half the price Harvard was offering. This perhaps gives a measure of the respective liquidity of the dealers' OTC business. It must also say something about the state of the OTC when the two "market makers' prices show a 100 per cent difference.

The price Prior Harwin quotes for Sinclair Research, incidentally, is a basis price only.

The Stock Exchange plans for a third market, which it is intended should become oper-

ational next October, are really an attempt to provide a proper market for companies not quoted on the Stock Exchange or USM. What will happen is that the called OTC companies and other young companies can have their prices displayed on the new computerized pricing system which the Stock Exchange is to use.

But to have access to the system these companies will have to be sponsored by a member of the Stock Exchange. The member will be responsible for scrutinizing candidate companies.

So the third market as such is simply a method by which the prices of unquoted companies can be displayed by, hopefully, several market makers. It will eliminate the shunters such as the OTC and provide liquidity and market makers which a genuine market needs. This can only mean good news for investors.

Lawrence Lever

Watchdog for home buyers

Details of how the proposed building societies ombudsman will operate were revealed by Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, in a speech to the societies this week.

When the new Building Societies Act comes into force next January, all building societies will be obliged to belong to the ombudsman scheme. Like the insurance ombudsman and the banking ombudsman, on which the building societies ombudsman is modelled, he will have powers to arbitrate and to make compensation awards to aggrieved building society borrowers or investors, if he finds in their favour.

The expected limit on compensation is likely to be about £50,000 but it is difficult to imagine many situations where building society investors or borrowers could possibly be out of pocket to this extent.

Disgruntled building society customers will be able to go to the ombudsman and ask him to adjudicate and, if he finds in their favour, the decision is binding on the building society that has to pay any damages awarded by the ombudsman. But if he finds in favour of the building society the customer is still free to go to court. Like the other ombudsman services, it will be free.

Areas covered will be disputes about whether money was paid into or withdrawn from an account, failure to carry out instructions to transfer money from one account to another, paying a higher rate of interest, or failure to carry out instructions from a borrower to insure their property.

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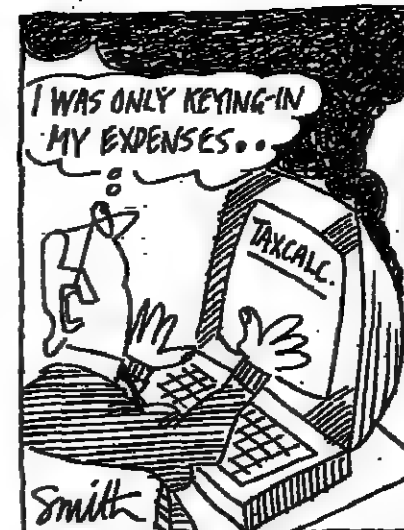
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The latest performance figures from actuaries Martin Paterson highlight just how important it is to pick the right personal pension plan. The best-performing managed funds for the 12 months ending April 1 were *Save & Prosper* with an increase of 39 per cent in the value of the fund, *Scottish Equitable* showing an increase of 38.4 per cent and *Guardian Royal Exchange* at 35.6 per cent. These are all fairly large funds of more than £10 million. In the under-£10 million category *British National* is in the number one spot with an increase of 57.4 per cent, and *TSB* comes next with 58.6 per cent followed by *Aetna Life* "Sust" with 43 per cent.

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Alan Atkinson: Tragic victim of an uninsured motorist

Driving with a new danger

CAR INSURANCE

Hertz, the international car hire company, has just dramatically reduced the amount of insurance protection offered to holidaymakers hiring its vehicles in the United States.

Thousands of Britons plan driving holidays in the United States every year but, whether they go independently or on a fly-drive package, many could be driving with totally inadequate cover.

The problem surfaced three years ago when Family Money revealed the tragic story of a British Airways pilot, Alan Atkinson, who lost his wife and children in a car accident in Florida. He received no compensation because the other driver was uninsured and his case highlighted important differences between US insurance practice and ours.

There is, for instance, no equivalent of our statutory unlimited third party liability insurance. The minimum cover you have to buy in the United States varies from state to state — it can be as low as the equivalent of £7,000, or even less.

If tourists cause an accident they could be sued personally for any damages in excess of what is covered by their car hire insurance, which might be the low state minimum. If

they are injured in a car accident caused by someone else, the insurance carried by the other driver may be totally inadequate to cover their compensation.

Family Money has previously recommended that holidaymakers hiring in the United States should go to one of the big names — such as Hertz — that did at least provide higher than state minimum third party liability cover. And until a month ago Hertz included \$300,000 cover per accident. That has now been reduced to \$50,000 which, given the

Jack up personal accident cover

stratospheric level of court awards in the United States, is clearly inadequate.

The insurance manager for Hertz Europe, Peter Coe, says: "It's my understanding that the insurance cover in the States has been reduced because of the growing difficulties and expense of obtaining liability insurance over there."

So British holidaymakers hiring a car in the United States should look carefully at the small print of the insurance policy included in the package — and consider buying themselves some extra insurance before they go. However, the only policy

available to the individual traveller that gets close to plugging the loophole is the Topsisure policy available from AETA travel agents — far from a perfect solution.

Topsisure offers up to \$1 million third party cover — but it is only an excess policy, payable if the claim is over and above the insurance available with the car hire.

And in order to deter holidaymakers from going to back street renters, it is valid only if the original car hire insurance covered third party liability of up to \$300,000.

Topsisure clearly needs a review although the insurers say that Topsisure holidaymakers who hire from Hertz are still covered. But it might be wise not to rely on this as the underwriter has given a temporary undertaking to honour claims. He might invoke the written terms of the contract if a really big claim came in.

And there is still the problem of getting uninsured or underinsured motorists' cover — that is what protects you if you are injured in an accident caused by a driver with inadequate third party cover.

There is no US equivalent of our own Motor Insurers Bureau compensation scheme which pays out to victims here if they have a close encounter with an uninsured driver.

The prudent US motorist has this cover as part of his normal driving insurance and it is extended to hired cars as well, which is why it is not sold separately in the States — it is not available to tourists over there at all.

The Topsisure policy includes up to \$100,000 uninsured and underinsured motorists' cover, which is apparently the best the underwriters can do but still hopelessly inadequate.

Your best bet is to jack up the amount of personal accident insurance included in the standard holiday insurance policy. Topsisure costs £35 for one car for a fortnight.

Anyone going on a fly-drive package is also advised to inquire closely about the insurance arrangements and not accept glib assurances from the travel agents that the car hire includes "full insurance". They may just mean that it satisfies the bare state minimum.

Some holiday companies, such as Jetsave, draw customers' attention to the need for extra insurance and offer block policies. Jetsave offers up to \$1 million third party liability for £20 a car but no uninsured or underinsured motorists' cover.

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Calling all women: What reforms do you want?

TAX

It is not just women, apparently, who get incensed about our archaic tax treatment of married couples. So said John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, at a Conservative women's conference at the Barbican last week.

Complaints do not come only from married women. I had a letter from one man complaining that he had just spent four hours trying to sort out his wife's tax affairs. I think that might have been my husband. After numerous false dawns and much government

huffing and puffing, tax reform seems to be finally on its way. And as Emma Nicholson, a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, who organized last week's conference, points out, we have had the same system since the early 19th century, and now we ought to try to get it right.

That is why, this week and next, Miss Nicholson is sending the first batch of what she hopes will be at least 50,000 questionnaires designed to find out what sort of tax reforms women want.

She says: "I want to reach as wide an audience of women as possible, not just party supporters."

Mr Moore made quite clear what the Government wants by way of tax reform.

FIRST, any new system must be fair and not discrimi-

nate against the wife who chooses to give up paid work to stay at home.

SECOND, it must do away with the tax penalties on marriage. At the moment many couples are better off unmarried.

THIRD, married women must no longer be considered as the goods and chattels of their husbands.

FOURTH, the Government wants to raise tax thresholds for the lower paid.

The Government has accepted, for instance, that it is completely unfair to tax a woman's investment income

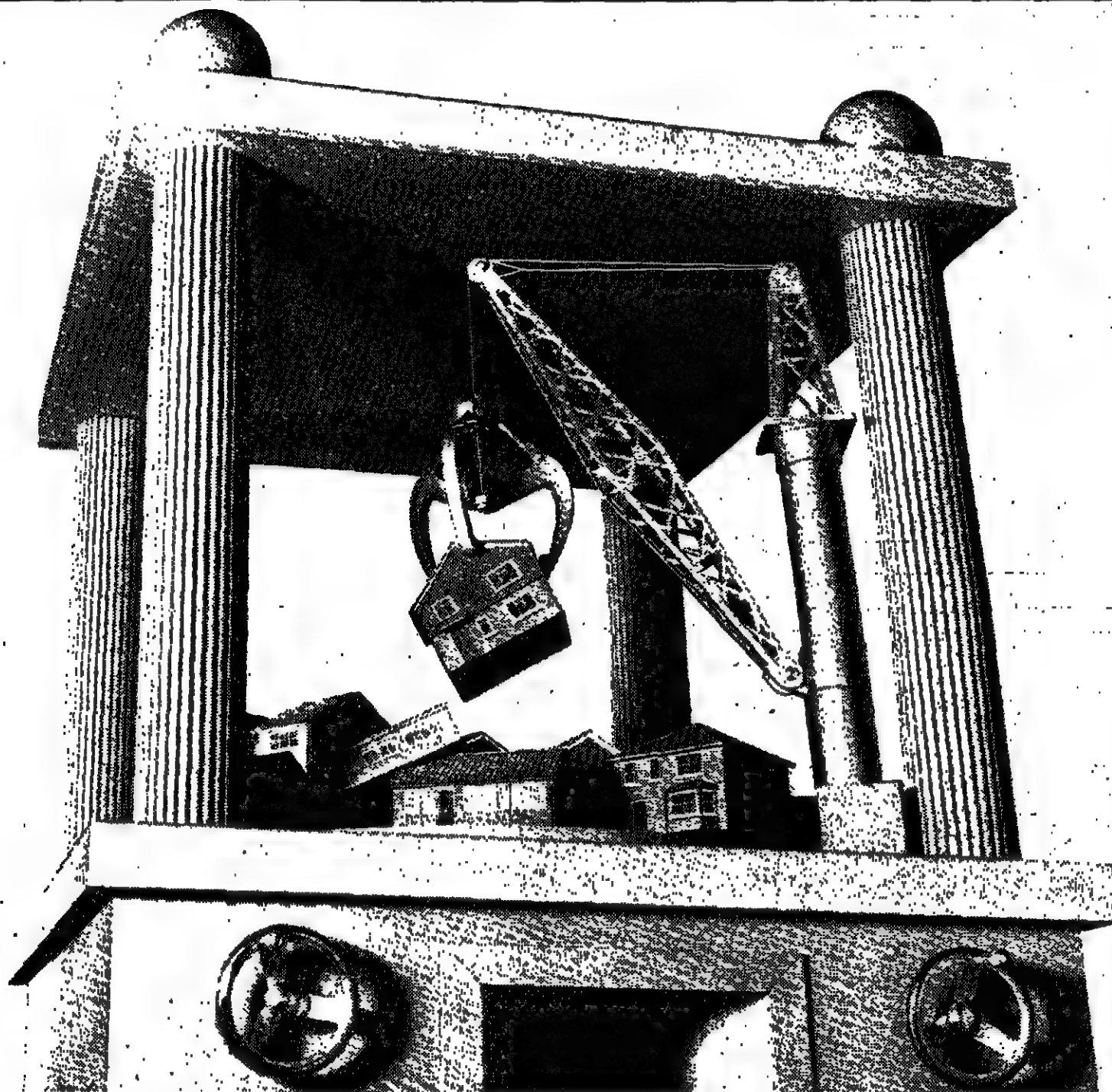
as though it belongs to her husband and not allow a married woman her own tax allowance against it — which is all good news. The most controversial aspect of the Green

Paper is the proposal for fully transferable tax allowances between husband and wife, and vice versa, which will mean that a non-earning spouse can give the allowance to his or her partner. The alternative is a completely independent system that gives only a personal allowance against the individual's income.

Women who want to fill in the questionnaire can get them at their local Conservative Party headquarters or write to Miss Nicholson, 32 Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3HH.



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While average wages have been rising by 7.5 per cent a year for nearly two years, the minimum income needed to get a gold card has remained the same. But although American Express asks for earnings of £25,000 a year, its average gold card man brings in £45,000 a year. He can console himself that the average green card holder earns just £22,000.

Is it worth paying as much as £50 a year just to let shopkeepers and waiters know you are well off? The answer all depends on the way you organize your affairs — or more precisely, your debts.

If you are paying one of the credit card companies, such as Access or Barclaycard, a fortune in interest on outstanding debts and paying hefty bank charges because your current account is overdrawn, then you may well be better off with a gold card.

The magic ingredient in the gold card mix is the unsecured overdraft at 2.5 per cent over bank base rate (now 11.5 per cent). That means you can tidy up all your stray debts which are bound to be costing you more than 14 per cent and get yourself a cut-rate overdraft without even having to ask your bank manager nicely.

Most gold cards give you an unsecured overdraft up to £7,500. But the Bank of Scotland Premiercard will let you go to £10,000 — even though this is the "poor man's" gold card only requiring an income of £15,000 a year and charging £35 a year, and a £10 joining fee. There is no joining fee at the Midland and existing

Amex green card holders can trade up to gold, without paying another joining fee.

National Westminster used to have a tie-up with Diners Club, but since the connection was severed six months ago it has been left without a gold card. Not for long, however, a gold MasterCard is on its way. NatWest does not want its gilded customers to go to the competition for their gold cards. All the gold card organizations are happy to take on the 22-carat risks even if the customer's current account is elsewhere.

The various cards offer special perks to entice gold card customers. At Barclays you can use a bank strongroom at a branch where you have a current account, free of charge. And if disaster should strike when you are abroad then you can use Barclays' telephones, photocopies,

Many do not want all these niceties

telexes and postal services in 60 different countries.

American Express offers the Centurion Service — normal cost £25 — free to gold card holders. This gives you a personal travel counsellor who will book your flights, hotels and hire cars, charge it all to your card, and if time is short, deliver documents by courier or send them straight to the airport at no extra charge.

Amex pays its goldcard man twice as much comfort money as greencard man when flights are delayed or luggage lost. While greencard man gets £100 for winning and dining away those airport hours, goldcard man gets twice as much to soften the blow. But American Express is not

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	Barclays/VISA Premiercard	Amex/Lloyds Gold Card	Midland/Mastercard Gold	Amex/Clydesdale Gold Card	Amex/HSBC Gold Card	Barclays/VISA Premiercard	Amex/HSBC Gold Card
Qualifying Income	20,000 p.a.	25,000 p.a.	20,000 p.a.	25,000 p.a.	25,000 p.a.	25,000 p.a.	25,000 p.a.
Joining Fee	10	20	none	20	20	10	20
Annual Subscription	10 p.a.	25 p.a.	none	25 p.a.	25 p.a.	10 p.a.	25 p.a.
Unsecured Overdraft	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Cash from UKATM	100 p.d.	300 p.d.	1,000 p.w.	300 p.d.	300 p.d.	100 p.d.	300 p.d.
Cash with cheque	250 p.d.	300 p.d.	250 p.d.	250 p.d.	250 p.d.	250 p.d.	250 p.d.
Travel insurance	250 p.d.	1,000 p.3w.	1,000 p.3w.	1,000 p.3w.	1,000 p.3w.	250 p.d.	1,000 p.3w.
Travel Accident	150,000	150,000	200,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

NOTES: p.d. is per day; p.w. is per week; p.3w. is per 3 weeks. * At 2.5 per cent over bank's rate. ** Plus service charge of 1.5 per cent on Barclaycard/VISA and Mastercard. † May be less in certain circumstances. Source: Money Magazine.

Profile of American Express cardholders.

	Gold men	Green men
Aver. income	£45,000	£22,000
Aver. age	45.4	44.2
Percentage married	87	78
Percentage with children at home	63	68
Average number of holidays	2.6	2.2
Average no. nights on holiday	28	23
Average no. nights away on business	29	25
Average no. nights business overseas	21	15

going to have the travel perks sewn up for much longer. Thomas Cook, which is owned by Midland Bank, is stepping in to offer travel service — travellers' cheques, emergency help and cut rates at hotels and car rental agencies — to banks issuing gold Mastercards.

Midland bank will be one of at least 10 banks offering the service to its gold card customers. The new NatWest goldcard and the Clydesdale Bank also come into the Mastercard stable. Thomas Cook says rather pointedly that it is not setting out to plunder banks' plum customers, but is offering a wholesale package for banks to pass on to their hallmarked customers.

Many people would feel that all these niceties still do not make it worthwhile paying out £40 or £50 a year for the offer of an overdraft — especially when they can get six weeks' free credit on plain ordinary credit cards.

There are ways of getting a free gold card. Save & Prosper offers a "free" Robert Fleming Premiercard with its premier high interest cheque account.

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Save & Prosper will lend up to £4,000 after an account has been open six months and £10,000 after a year unsecured at a current rate of 14.62 per cent — a bit above the standard 14 per cent on offer from the other gold cards. "We don't mention the overdraft facility in our advertising because it tends to attract just the sort of customer we don't want," says Ian Lindsay, Save & Prosper's banking manager. "In the early days of the card we were turning down 35 per cent of applications."

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Telecom Red Care uses householders' existing telephone lines to link their alarm systems to security companies' 24-hour control centres. The intruder sets off an alarm on

an outside wall and triggers a signal which is transmitted to the control centre. Security staff are then able to alert the police immediately. It's been criticised for increasing dependence on the system and for the alarm being false if the telephone line is cut.

Prices vary among the participating companies. For example, the latest company to join, Telecom Security Ltd, an independent company associated with British Telecom, offers householders the supply and installation of an alarm system for £95 and a charge of £14.50 a month for monitoring and maintenance. The prices are exclusive of VAT. Companies offering

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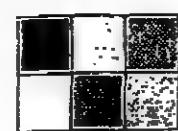
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New draft rules being published next week should make it easier for people buying life assurance or savings type products to work out just how much of their money is being invested — and how much is going into the pocket of the salesman and the company's overheads.

The Marketing of Investments Organising Committee (MIBOC) is to produce its second attempt to draft rules governing the disclosure of commissions and other charges in sales of life assurance and unit trust products.

MIBOC's first set of proposals on this subject was opposed by MPs from both sides of the House at the committee stage of the Financial Services Bill. The prime mover was the Conservative MP for Bournemouth West, John Butterfill, who pressed for greater disclosure of information to consumers, of commissions and charges earned on sales, particularly of life insurance products.

What the original proposals would mean to consumers is that all savings products sold to them by an independent intermediary would have to contain a statement on the documentation as to how much commission the broker had earned on the sale of the product.

MIBOC's original proposals differentiated between company representatives who sell life

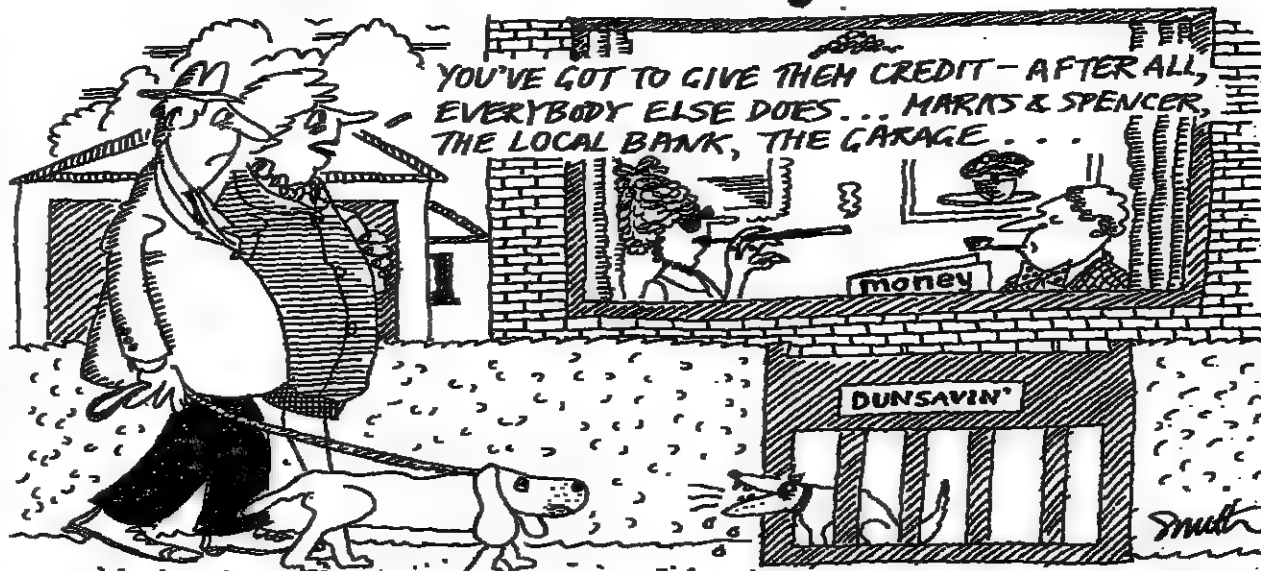
Closer watch on where your money goes

insurance products for one company only (until recently called tied agents), and intermediaries (usually insurance brokers) who sell the products of more than one company.

Company representatives would not have to disclose the amount of commission that they earned on sales. But they would have to make their status clear to consumers as well as the fact that they were not able to offer independent advice.

Intermediaries, on the other hand, would, according to MIBOC's original version, be subject to different rules which would mean they would be obliged to tell the customer what commission they had earned. Not surprisingly, this did not go down too well with the insurance brokers who argued, quite reasonably, that it was unfair that they had to disclose commission earned — but salesmen who may be earning much more did not.

MIBOC's original idea was to encourage the setting-up of a voluntary commissions agreement between life offices, which fixed levels of commission. Intermediaries selling products of companies party to this agreement would have to disclose only that the commissions payable were in line with the agreement, which would be available for inspection.



If selling a product not covered by the agreement, they would have to disclose the full amount of the commission earned and the amount that would have been payable under the voluntary commission agreement.

For obvious reasons this was felt to be less than satisfactory by a number of critics. The stance of Mr Butterfill and the MPs who backed him, including Bryan Gould, Labour's trade spokesman, was that consumers

should in all cases know the answer to the basic question of how much of their money was invested by the life company, and how much was not.

This latter amount would encompass not just commissions, but also management charges and marketing expenses.

Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, referred the question of disclosure of information back to MIBOC for reconsideration. At the committee

stage he emphasized that he would rather this subject be dealt with through MIBOC rules than detailed provisions in the Bill.

On Monday Mr Howard indicated that MIBOC would be coming up with a formula based on disclosure of the respective amounts invested and eaten up in commissions and costs. He said MIBOC was examining "whether it is possible to inform people of the proportion that is invested and the proportion that went

in commissions and charges". There is, however, a problem with using such a formula for with-profits policies. This arises because the payment of bonuses, such as terminal and reversionary bonuses, is not determined at the outset.

The amount allocated through bonuses is not predetermined — hence the difficulty in saying which policies should bear what proportion of the overheads.

"Is it right for example to attribute all branch expenses

to new business rather than existing policies?" asks Mark Daniels of Equitable Life. This is a problem but it is not insurmountable.

Those who oppose such disclosure claim that there is another problem in that full disclosure could actually run into pages of detailed information which would have a counter-productive effect. They say policyholders would be put off reading the information because there was so much of it.

This complaint does not hold much water, however, as the requirement could be simply to express the amount invested (and hence the amount used to cover marketing expenses and other overheads) as a percentage of the premium.

One point on which Mr Howard was adamant was that there should be no middle ground between company representatives and intermediaries.

This seemed to open the door to the age-old problem of the tied agent masquerading as an independent intermediary and selling policies on the false premise that he was recommending the best product for that particular customer.

Ken Davy, chairman of DBS Financial Management

Services, strongly opposes any proposal along these lines. "I would officially authorize tied agents to give the public the impression of independence by permitting him to sell more than one company's products, while not disclosing his commission," he says.

Fortunately, there is not likely to be any middle ground for the unscrupulous to exploit in MIBOC's proposals next week. Mr Howard remains firm on this point.

He says: "It is likely that the initial structure proposed is going to be left intact (that is, that of differentiation between company representatives and intermediaries and the abolition of the tied agent). I don't view the intermediate area with great favour."

Meanwhile, the self-regulation bandwagon rolls on a little more next week with the Life and Unit Trust Regulatory Organization (LAUTRO) sending out a draft prospectus to its members.

LAUTRO will be composed mainly of insurance companies and registered friendly societies engaged in the business of selling life insurance and unit trusts. It will formulate rules primarily governing the marketing of these products. It will not be an authorizing organization — there are separate statutory provisions governing insurance companies and friendly societies. Nor will it govern management of investments.

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Motorists are to get a fairer deal from their insurance thanks to the efforts of journalist John Howard and the radio 4 programme *You and Yours*.

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"The problem is the wording on most certificates of insurance," says John Howard. "A typical certificate will say something like — the policyholder may also drive a motor car or motor cycle not belonging to him and not hired to him under a hire-

usual comprehensive motor policy."

This was precisely the position in which Mrs. Bridget Miller Mundy found herself. She borrowed a car from the garage which was repairing her own vehicle. Unfortunately she had an accident and the car was damaged. When she tried to claim on her own comprehensive motor policy

New guidelines are expected soon

she discovered she was not covered, and the garage is refusing to claim on its own comprehensive policy because it will lose its no claims bonus. But it now looks as though the situation will be changed. The Insurance Ombudsman in his recent annual report said that the wording of certificates of insurance was misleading. And the Association of British Insurers is now reviewing the situation. It looks as though they will be issuing guidelines to insurers suggesting alterations to the wording of certificates of insurance to make the position plain.

The irony of the situation is that although you are not automatically covered, if you ring your insurance company and tell them that you are about to drive a car which doesn't belong to you, they will usually give you fully comprehensive cover as a matter of course for no extra charge. ☺

Certificate wording can be misleading

purchase agreement. Most drivers take this to mean that they have the same comprehensive cover when they drive someone else's car as they do when they drive their own. But they don't. The cover offered in this situation on most policies is simply third party indemnity. If the car you borrow is stolen or damaged, you cannot claim on your

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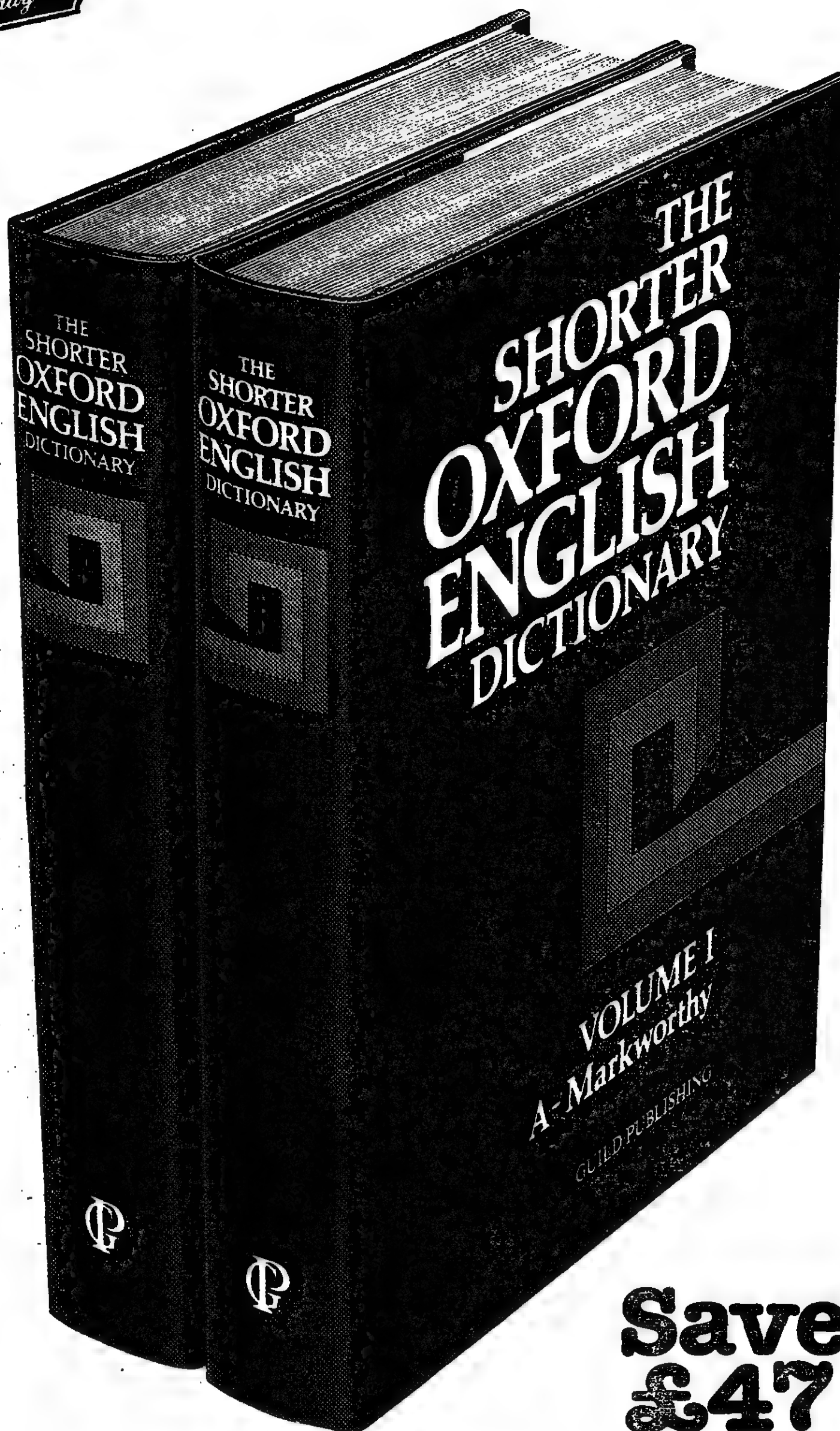
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Letters in the post to avoid a cash crisis

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There appears to be at least one beneficiary from the financial problems at the United Kingdom Provident mutual life group — the Post Office.

Following UKPI's forced merger 11 days ago with the Friends Provident group after its traumas with speculative oil and gas investments, a frenetic two-way exchange of letters is taking place between the other major life groups and insurance intermediaries.

The problems at UKPI provided a nasty shock for the 300,000 policyholders who held with-profits life and pensions plans with the Salisbury-based group.

They found their interim reversionary and terminal bonuses cut by 10 per cent and were told the next declaration of reversionary bonuses would be deferred until December 1987.

Many disenchanted policyholders promptly called up the intermediaries who advised them to take a UKPI policy.

Since then, the intermediaries have been firing off circular letters to the life groups seeking assurance — no pun intended — that no other company is likely to travel

air from a foggy episode that could have had serious repercussions for the life assurance industry.

Intermediaries claim they were dashing off letters to the life offices as soon as the UKPI problems became public and say the companies themselves should have done more to calm any public worries.

The life groups, on the other hand, say nearly all the interest shown by the intermediaries was stimulated by a letter the agents received early last week from the National Provident Mutual group.

National Provident, presumably worried that its name would become confused in the public mind with UK Provident, disclosed its proportion of free reserves to liabilities in order to put its agents' minds at ease.

NPI put this figure at a healthy 38 per cent, compared with the nerve-racking 7 per cent which existed at UKPI before the whistle was finally blown by the Department of Trade.

Scottish Amicable is one major life group that is following NPI's example after a number of inquiries from agents around the country.

Maurice Paterson, the group's general manager for sales and marketing, said the letters should be in the post next week. Analysis estimate it will put the group's free reserves ratio at something around 33 per cent — the industry average for the top dozen institutions.

Mr Paterson is firm that the UKPI episode was definitely a one-off. "If you'd have looked at the figures for all the life offices you would have seen one out of order — UKPI. They were quite out on a limb," he said.

Mr Paterson said the free reserves ratios of the other top life companies ranged from 26 to 55 per cent, but warned that intermediaries and the public should not compare them strictly on a "league table" basis in which the company with the highest ratio was the best.

he said: "There are lots of caveats we're asking agents to bear in mind. Companies use different valuation methods for their figures. Some have a good deal of foreign business, others have none, while the proportion of non-profits business, such as unit-linked, also varies greatly from company to company."

And remember, if a company has very high reserves it might mean that it is paying out less in bonuses to policyholders. The list of top past performers would not correspond to the companies with the highest reserves.

While intermediaries will no doubt feel happier with these letters in their files, many would still like the life companies to be more open with their policyholders about where the money from with-profits premiums is being invested.

"I'd like to see with-profits funds broken down into more understandable analysis rather than just the equities/gilts/property split we see now in the annual reports," said investment adviser Stephen Lansdown of Hargreaves Lansdown in Bristol.

"There should be particular

Hopes for more realism in the bonus projections

reference to money invested in speculative ventures — something along the lines on which a unit trust discloses its investments. Nobody comes near to doing that."

Lansdown also hopes there will be other lessons from the UKPI affair — in particular, that life companies will be more realistic in their bonus projections and make crystal clear that these are not guaranteed.

However, for the moment, Lansdown and other intermediaries are happy enough to agree with the life companies that the chances of another UKPI coming along appear remote.

Richard Lander



Covering for legal costs is now the best policy

As a result of the escalating costs of litigation and the reduction in the number of people qualifying for legal aid there has been an unprecedented growth in "legal expenses" insurance.

The Law Society is in favour of legal expenses insurance. Its spokeswoman said: "We recommend this sort of insurance but people should shop around for the type of cover and the terms that they need."

Basically there are two different sorts of policy for the individual. First, there are "add-on" policies covering legal costs such as those for "uninsured loss recovery", and secondly there are policies providing a more broad-based and expensive indemnity against a variety of legal fees.

Uninsured loss recovery policies cannot usually be purchased separately. They are sold as a supplement to motor insurance. Usually they provide you with £25,000 of legal costs to pursue claims which may not be covered by your motor insurance, such as accident damage, excess recovery, hire charges and injury to driver and passenger. Companies such as IRPC, Hambro

Legal Protection, DAS Legal Expenses, and John Holman and Sons Ltd offer these policies. The premiums vary slightly between companies as they depend on how much the insurance brokers add on as commission. You can expect to pay between £5 and £8 a year.

All the companies insist on a minimum amount that has to be in dispute in consumer matters before the legal fees are met. All exclude legal fees for disputes relating to major building works, landlord and tenant, inheritance, conveyancing and matrimonial disputes.

While there is a rapid growth in "add-on" supplements to motor policies, separate fully fledged legal expenses policies are also big business.

Policies from IRPC, Legal Advisory Club, Legal Benefits Ltd, Family Legal Benefits and DAS, Family Legal Protection are among those on offer. They all provide varying cover for motor and consumer legal protection but there are some important exclusions on some of the policies.

Legal Benefits Ltd offers legal expenses insurance for divorce or legal separation. There is no cover during the first year of the policy. Thereafter the total maximum cover for both parties' expenses is £250 in year two and £1,000

maximum from year three onwards.

Both IRPC and DAS exclude cover for legal fees for lease or tenancy disputes relating to "a block of flats". This seems to mean there is no cover for legal fees for flat owners who have a service charge dispute if they live in a block of more than four flats.

Another surprising exclusion by these two companies is cover for disputes relating to "the construction, conversion or extension of buildings". According to DAS this means that disputes relating to minor alterations or repair works may be covered but there is no cover for legal fees for disputes that you may have with a builder if he carried out major works such as an extension.

Tina Douglas, of Legal Benefits Ltd, said: "We have no such exclusions."

The companies mentioned are: IRPC, Stockwell House, New Buildings, Hinchley, Leicestershire; Hambro Legal Protection, Hambro House, East Hill, Colchester, Essex; DAS, 5 Welsh Back, Bristol; Legal Benefits Ltd, 31 St Nicholas Way, Sutton, Surrey; John Holman & Sons Ltd, John Holman House, The Broadway, Wickford, Essex.

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TABLE 1

	Hambro	IRPC	DAS
Cost of cover	£7.50	£5	£6
Amount of fees per claim	10,000	25,000	10,000
Consumer dispute (minimum amount)	125	50	50
Contracts of employment	Yes	No	No
Tax problems	No	Yes	No

TABLE 2

	IRPC	LBL	DAS
Cost of maximum cover	£60	£120	£64
Amount of legal fees per claim	25,000	25,000	225,000
Inheritance disputes	Yes	Yes	No
Tax problems	Yes	Yes	No
Matrimonial	No	Yes	No

Clarets are the tasty choice, despite winter

WINES

Wine merchants report strong demand for Clarets of the 1985 vintage — a year of distinct investment potential. Already several leading wines have been sold out for the initial allocation.

The harvest followed a winter in the Bordeaux region which was hard but without causing damage in the vineyards. A cold, stormy spring followed with hail. The Merlot grape — a prolific vine in St Emilion and Pomerol and a necessary ingredient in quality Medoc — suffered irregular flowering.

Development was affected by the long, dry summer which concentrated the grapes and reduced acid levels. However, showers in late August and September redressed the balance.

The resulting harvest was good in quality with grapes picked in a sound condition. Some estates reported problems during vinification owing to higher than normal temperatures. The better chateaux, such as Second Growth Lascombes from the Margaux

General colour is rich and deep

Commune, ensured quality production through temperature control techniques. The wine maker, Rene Vannatelle, says he has high expectations of this vintage developing into an exceptional wine.

The wines generally have a rich deep colour with above average tannin — a good sign for longevity — and with good alcoholic content for Bordeaux. The concentration of flavour suggests the wine will be between the 1982 and 1983 in style.

Two opening offers are being made next week, both with Cru Classe and later salesroom appeal and bourgeois wines. Greens, of 34 Royal Exchange, London EC3, has more than 30 wines, including the notable Chateau Talbot at £126, Calon-Segur at £136.20, Gruaud-Larose at £147.60, Beycheville at £196.80 and Lynch-Bages at £200.40. Several minor estates which regularly produce charming wines for drinking within five to six years are also listed. They offer a discount on orders of six dozen bottles.

Harveys, of Whitechurch Lane, Bristol, BS99 7JE has an extensive list. In the Medoc, I would single out for appreciation potential, Cos d'Estournel at £215, Ducru-Beaucaillou at £185, Palmer (a wine keenly bid for by American investors) at £197.20 and Léoville-Barton at £101.25.

An exceptionally low price of £56.35 is being asked for Chateau Batailly.

The Graves district is growing in popularity. Harveys offers Haut Bailly at £95 and

Pape Clement — a Grand Cru Classe — at £138.75, with Greens listing Smith Haut Lafitte at £85.20.

In St Emilion the Fonroque estate's wine is quoted at £79 and in Pomerol, Clos L'Eglise at £107.85, in both cases from Harveys.

Prices quoted are per dozen bottles excluding VAT for payment in one month. Magnums are an additional £2.50 — well worth the extra for the later auction demand. Delivery will be in late 1987 or spring 1988 with a charge for freight, excise duty at the rate then ruling and clearance from bond — an estimated £11 per case — plus VAT.

A third merchant, Caves de la Madeleine (301 Fulham Road, SW10 9QH) has extended its range of 1985 Clarets to include Prieure-Lichine at £98, La Gaffeliere at £148, Pichon-Longueville-Lalande at £205 and Benne-ducru at £125, with discounts negotiable on orders of three cases and above.

These 1985 vintage offers are made against a buoyant auction background. Christie's had an almost record number of commissions prior to its sale on April 3, which indicates the appeal of postal bids and commissions left at the testing stage. Many lots exceeded the top end of their estimates.

Notable prices included £560 for Cheval-Blanc 1970, £520 for Palmer 1970 and £780-£840 for Mouton-Rothschild 1966. At their earlier Bordeaux sale, demand continued firm for the 1982 vintage as well as for the classic years of the 1970s. Their next major Clarets auction is on May 8.

Society's held a major sale on Wednesday with no less than 31 different 1982 Clarets and keen demand for the mixed parcels on offer. They are to sell fine wines in Geneva on May 12 and an extensive quality range in London on May 28 including vintage Port.

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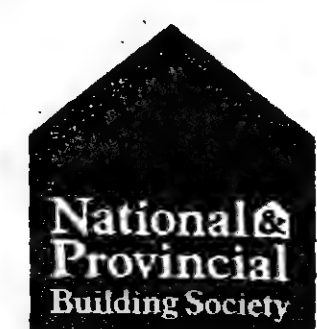
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38	570	Smith & Spence	720	04	1.00	1.00
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220	220	Wagon	715	04	2.0	2.0
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420	420	Wagon	715	04	4.0	4.0

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38	27	Alamo	71	04	0.5	0.5

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13.1	80	Becker (29)	13.1
14.1	85	Belgrave	14.1
15.1	90	Belton (3)	15.1
16.1	95	Bradford	16.1
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19.1	110	Chard (A) Alland	19.1
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Timeshare,
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The sales boom in Spain two years ago to a predominantly British market, resulted in several developers committing themselves to building and marketing some ambitious leisure-home complexes, particularly on the Costa del Sol.

Sales slackened significantly last year and though the market is stronger, the prospective buyer is now spoiled for choice. Many schemes, now under construction and nearing completion, still have numbers of units unsold so agents are keen to procure quick sales.

However professional an agent is, it is exceedingly unwise for a buyer to sign a purchase contract without legal advice. The more so should the proposed purchase be still at the building stage. Here the buyer should ensure that he or she obtains either a bank guarantee or an insurance policy to cover the risk of the property's not being completed within the stated contract period. This facility will always be available from a reputable developer.

Holiday-makers keen to establish a base in Spain without whole-ownership commitment can now buy timeshare weeks through Barratt Multi-Ownership's first overseas venture at Villacana, the attractive Andalucian pueblo-style complex a few miles east of Estepona, a 40-minute drive from Gibraltar airport. Barratt bought the 65 luxurious apartments, which account for the final phase of the 400 holiday homes making up the whole estate, a year ago for £5 million.

The Villacana estate has a number of small swimming pools scattered among its gardens, a large beachside pool with adjacent bar and, in front of the Barratt



These whitewashed, Andalucian-style apartments overlooking established gardens all have wrought-iron balconies, wooden louvre doors and shutters to the windows. Timeshare weeks at the development, at Villacana, cost from £2,500 for a low-season week in a one-bedroom flat to £5,950 in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom flat in July or August. Service costs between £25 and £75 a week.

also that no penalty is incurred for total repayment at any point during the term originally agreed.

Barratt has just bought a second Costa del Sol timeshare project based at Leila Playa - between Fuengirola and Marbella - consisting of 40 two and three bedroom apartments overlooking a central swimming pool and beach.

The company plans to spend £4 million on developing a clubhouse, restaurant, tennis court and in fully furnishing and equipping every home. Pre-release prices will be from some £2,500 to £6,250 a week, depending on size of unit and season of the year.

Barratt Multi-Ownership Ltd is at 6 Half Moon Street, London W1A 7TA; tel: 01-629 2731.

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apartments, an owner's club with both indoor and outdoor pools a whirlpool bath, restaurant and bar. The club adjoins a sports complex which has squash and tennis courts plus a supermarket.

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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes
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Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.55 Open University. Unit 1.55.
- 7.00 **Wait Till Your Father Gets Home.** Harry gets his own back on the dealer who sold him a dud second-hand car. 6.55 **Barney** (r).
- 7.30 **Saturday Superstore.** Bonnie Tyler unveils the prize-winning musical, designed by a young viewer, that will go on show at the Stoke Garden Festival in May.
- 8.00 **Grandstand.** Introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is: 12.00 Football Focus: 12.40, 1.10, 2.05 and 4.15 Snooker: the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, 1.00 News summary and weather, 1.10 **Bedroom House** (r), 1.55, 2.25 and 3.25 **Racing from Newbury**, 2.35 and 3.55 **Rugby Union**, 4.00 **News** at 4.15, 4.40 **Football** latest, 4.40 **Final Score**.
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TV-AM

- 6.55 **Good Morning Britain.** Introduced by Richard Kaye. News at 7.00, regional report at 7.05, sport at 7.15.
- 7.30 **The Wide Awake Club.** Includes music from Katrina and the Waves, and news at 8.25.
- 8.25 **ITV LONDON**
- 9.25 **No 72.** The guests include pop group Marks & Spencer, David Taylor with locusts, and alternative comedies, Brown Paper Bags, 11.00 **Captain Scarlet** does battle with the Mysterons (r) 11.30 **Secret Valley.** The children are displaying their fishing nets to the city dignitaries when they are sabotaged by Spider McGurk's gang.
- 12.00 **News with John Suchet.** 12.05 **Football Focus.** Ian and Jimmy preview tomorrow's Milk Cup Final between Oxford United and Queens Park Rangers. 12.50 **Westminster.** Three bouts from the Dorling Hall, Surrey. 1.30 **Alma.** Harris and Dominic are sent to Nicaragua to rescue a kidnapped scientist.
- 2.15 **Bessie.** The Governor's right hand man is ordered to the Knesset by a secret agent posing as Governor Galtier.
- 2.45 **International Motor.** Cycling. The Spring Gold Cup Meeting from Malory Park.
- 4.00 **Results Service.** 4.05 **News with John Suchet.** 5.05 **Connections.**
- 5.35 **Robbie of Sherwood.** When Robert of Huntington is injured in a raid, Maid Marion comes to the rescue. When Marion returns home she is captured by the Sheriff who also confiscates Alton, the mystical sword. (Oracle).
- 6.30 **Child's Play.** Jane Asher and Brian Cant have to discover what young children are trying to describe. Presented by Michael Aspel.
- 7.00 **Bobby Devo on the Beach.** The last programme of the comedy series.
- 7.30 **The Price is Right.** Leslie Crowther with another edition of the greedy game show.
- 8.30 **Tarkey and Friends.** Jimmy Tarbuck with the Temptations, Roy Walker, and Joe Longthorne.
- 9.15 **C.A.T.S. Eyes.** The C.A.T.S. Eyes. The twilight world of drug trafficking when they become embroiled in a gang war between the replacement tackle with disturbing intensity. (CeeFax).
- 10.15 **The Let's Live James.** With guests Yehudi Menuhin and Dorothea Schlegel.
- 11.15 **LWT News headlines.** Followed by **Five News** (1983) starring Faye Dunaway and Alan Bates. The made-for-television adventures of a highwayman, set in 17th-century England. Directed by Michael Winner.
- 1.00 **Night Thoughts.**

Martha Brewer in the first episode of *Heimat* (BBC2, 9.40pm). And Spike Milligan in the documentary *Spike* (Channel 4, 11.00pm)

BBC 2

- 6.50 **Open University.** Unit 1.55.
- 7.55 **Film: The Dove (1974)** starring Timothy Dalton and Deborah Raffin. The story of Robin Lee Graham who became the youngest person to sail round the world. Directed by Charles Jarrold.
- 8.35 **Laramie.** Much to Sam's horror, Kitty McAllen falls for the charms of the engaging Vince Jackson. When Sam learns of their elopement he gives chase, certain that Jackson is a dangerous criminal. (r).
- 4.25 **Badminton House.** Coverage of the climax of the cross country stage of the three-day event.
- 5.30 **World Professional Snooker Championship.** First round matches involving Doug Mountjoy and Joe Johnson.
- 6.30 **Horizon: Miss Gypsy Finch.** First Oxford zoologist, Dr Richard Dawkins, with a series of lectures on the evolution of life.
- 7.10 **Newsline.** Jan Leeming with today's news and sport. (CeeFax).
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- 7.50 **Armed with Allies.** This first of a new series comes from Humbercombe Golf Club. Hanley-on-Thames, where Peter Allis's guest is Val Doonican.
- 8.30 **Rugby Special.** Nigel Stanger-Smith introduces highlights of this afternoon's match at Twickenham between the Five Nations and The Rest of the World.
- 9.00 **World Snooker.** First round matches of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship involving the first and second seeds, Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis.
- 9.40 **Heimat.** Episode one of the 18 hour long, 11 part drama, described as a German Forsythe Saga, following the lives of three families living in a small village, over three generations, from 1919 to 1982. Directed by Edgar Reitz. In German with English subtitles.
- 11.40 **Final: Those Who Not Kill.** (1977) starring Lee Grant. A made-for-television drama about a lawyer's battle to have his innocent client released from a psychiatric hospital. Directed by L.C. Rapoport. Weather.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.15 **Channel 4 Racing from Apr.** The Arzel Chemicals Novices Handicap Hurdle (1.15), the Grand National (2.10), and the London and Northern Group Future Champions Novices Hurdle (2.40).
- 3.00 **Film: Salsola (1939)** starring Nelson Eddy and Iona Massey. An opera about a Russian prince whose romance with a singer is interrupted by the First World War and then by the Revolution.
- 4.55 **How the Cossacks.** A Russian comedy from Russia about three brave Cossacks.
- 5.05 **Brookside.** (r) (Oracle).
- 5.00 **Right to Reply.** Tim Hogg, producer of *Iran: A Righteous Republic*, faces critics who believe it presented a too blinkered view of the Khomeini regime.
- 6.30 **News summary and weather.** Followed by *CeeFax*. The first of a new series examines the question "can a woman be both a Christian and a feminist?"
- 7.30 **Witness to Apartheid.** A documentary featuring eyewitness accounts of the brutality and harshness of apartheid in South Africa.
- 8.30 **Held in Trust.** Diana Rigg explores National Trust for Scotland properties in Glasgow, including Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House, and in the West, where Brodick Castle, Arran, is on the itinerary.
- 9.00 **Royalty.** The programme of the four-part series from Germany on how the Royal Family is viewed on the Continent.
- 10.00 **Hill Street Blues.** Captain Furillo learns from a distraught firefighter that his son has been kidnapped. (Oracle).
- 11.00 **Spike.** A profile of Spike Milligan.
- 12.00 **Film: House of Dracula.** (1945) starring Lon Chaney Jr. John Huston's *Dracula* is a strange as, respectively, the Wolf Man, Dracula, and Frankenstein, reunited in the castle laboratory. Directed by Eric C. Kenton. Ends at 1.15.

BBC 1

- 6.45 **Open University.** Unit 1.55.
- 8.50 **Play School.** presented by Brian Jameson and Sheelagh Gilbey. (r).
- 9.05 **The London Marathon.** The capital's annual athletics extravaganza is given a royal send-off this year with Prince Charles the official starter, seeing the 22,000 odd competitors on their, for some, 26 mile journey. David Coleman, Ron Pickering and Brendan Foster keep their eyes on the 22,000 odd competitors on their, for some, 26 mile journey. David Coleman, Ron Pickering and Brendan Foster keep their eyes on the 22,000 odd competitors on their, for some, 26 mile journey.
- 12.10 **This is the Day.** A simple act of worship from the Enfield, Middlesex, home of Ray Bonham, a soldier in the Salvation Army.
- 12.40 **The London Marathon 86.** An up-date on the progress of these still struggling gladiators, perhaps. London, producer of people of Liverpool who has just retired as a Labour councillor for Granby in Tameside, is presented by Marcel Berkins. This third programme in the series on crime in Britain today examines the reasons why people other than police are becoming more active in crime prevention.
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CHANNEL 4

- 1.10 **Irish Angle - Hands.** How quarried clay is made into pipeworks.
- 1.35 **The Making of Britain.** Dr Jerry Wormald, a Fellow of St. Hilda's College, Oxford, assesses the reign of King James VI of Scotland and James I of England, the first King of Britain.
- 2.00 **The Pocket Money Programme.** How to earn 4, to save it, and to spend it.
- 2.10 **Film: Babes on Broadway.** (1941) starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. A musical, choreographed and directed by Busby Berkeley, about a song-and-dance trio performing for their supper in a speakeasy joint.
- 4.45 **Durrell in Russia.** Gerald Durrell and his wife Les visit the Oke Reserve, 300 miles to the south west of Moscow, where the naturalists are mounting a large rescue operation to save animals from the spring floods. (Oracle).
- 5.15 **News summary and weather.** Followed by *The Business Programme*. A report on the final stages of Britain's two biggest take-over battles - the Trusts v Imperial, and Argyle v Distillers.
- 6.00 **International Gymnastics.** Kraft Champions All, presented by Sue Robblee from the Westwood Arena.
- 7.15 **Path of the Rain God.** Part two of the three-part programme series filmed in Belize and Guatemala, the cycle of water from a mountain peak to coral reef. (Oracle).
- 8.15 **Sinfonietta.** This second programme in the series on 20th century music, presented by Paul Crossley, concentrates on the work of the Austrian composer Arnold Schoenberg.
- 9.00 **Zastrozzi.** A Romance. Episode two of the four-part tragicomic romance written by Shelley when 18 years old.
- 10.00 **Sweet Disaster.** An animated film about the end of the world.
- 10.15 **Film: The Wooden Horse.** (1950) starring Lee Genn and Anthony Sless. Steve Trueman's World War drama about an ingenious plan by prisoners of war to break out of Germany's Stalag Luft III. Directed by Jack Lee.
- 12.10 **Film: London Can Take It.** (1940). A documentary, made by Harry Watt and Humphrey Jennings, about London during the German blitz. Ends at 12.20.

Radio 4

- long wave. VHF stereo variations at end of Radio 4 listings.
- 6.30 **Shipping.** 6.00 News Briefing: 6.10 **Précis** Music selected by Michael Ford (s) 6.30 **News.** Farming Today, 6.50 **Prayer for the Day** (s), 6.55 **Weather.** Travel 7.00 **News.** 7.10 **Today's Papers.**
- 7.15 **On Your Farm.** In Perspective. Religious affairs with the Rev Roy Jenkins.
- 8.00 **Down to Earth.** Weekend gardening, 7.55 **Weather.** 8.00 **News.**
- 8.05 **Sport on 4.** Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 **Weather.** Travel. 9.00 **News.**
- 9.05 **Breakaway.** Guide to holidays with Bernard Falk.
- 9.10 **News Stand.** Anne Robinson reviews the weekly magazines.
- 9.15 **The Week in Westminster.** With Peter Riddell, Political Editor of the *Times*.
- 9.20 **Loose Ends** with Ned Sherrin and his regular team, including Angela Gordon. The *Times* Editor, Robert Elms and Stephen Fry.
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